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TO-DAY'S WAR TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S GREAT SPEECH ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

WONDERFUL SCENES IN THE DUMA: ALLIED AMBASSADORS CHEERED.

Turks Still Being Chased; Believed to be Evacuating Trebizond.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN VIOLENT FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

RUSSIA'S DETERMINATION.

GERMANY'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR.

February 23, 12.45 p.m.
M. Sazonoff, in the Duma, in a great speech, emphasised the unshakable determination of Russia and her Allies to conquer. He said this war was the greatest crime against humanity and Germany's responsibility had been thoroughly unmasked. The German people were increasingly realising that they had been duped and they were now expressing open discontent. He dwelt on the co-ordination of the Allies and said that co-ordination was particularly necessary when peace came. M. Sazonoff paid a tribute to the great services of France, Great Britain and Italy.

M. Sazonoff said the German Government had treated its people like savages who make their soldiers drunk before an attack, and has tried to stir the masses by making them believe that the Allies aimed at the complete annihilation of the German people. Such an argument was absurd, because who would think of sweeping away a nation of seventy-two millions? The Allies never had such an intention, but self-preservation demanded that an end should be put to the ruthless egoism, passion and plunder in which the Germans always sympathised. That Prussianism must be crushed.

M. Sazonoff said the reunion of Poland was inscribed on the Russian banner and he did not believe that the Polish people could be persuaded to fight for their German tyrants. Russia was sincerely friendly with Sweden; an ice-bound port in Scandinavia was useless to Russia, which must obtain an outlet to the free sea in quite another direction. The Entente was convinced that, when the hour struck, Roumania would know how to realise her national unity and find real support from those with whom her people naturally sympathised. M. Sazonoff justified the action of the Entente at Salonica, paid a tribute to the heroism of Serbia and said Russia was indignant at Bulgaria's action, but was willing to believe that that action was taken under pressure.

M. Sazonoff went on to say that Russia's relations with Persia were now normal, but it was difficult to hope for a prompt and complete restoration of order in Persia, which was torn by internal troubles and abuse. Japanese co-operation had been infinitely precious to Russia, and the friendly welcome given to the Grand Duke Michaelovitch in Japan was appreciated. Russia remained faithful to the principle of non-intervention towards China, with whom Russia's relations were those of a good neighbour. China had taken all precautions against the violation of her neutrality by German intriguers, but, in view of the difficulties caused by China's isolation, the Entente was seeking means of defending its interests. In conclusion, M. Sazonoff remarked on the failure of German propaganda in America, and expressed the hope that a Russo-American economic rapprochement might be achieved.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES IN THE DUMA.

February 23, 12.45 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that never before were there such scenes of enthusiasm in the Duma. The House was packed, and all the Allied Ambassadors and Ministers attended. The President was cheered to the echo when he affirmed, in his opening speech, that the Tsar's historic visit showed there would be direct communion between His Majesty and the people thenceforward. There was loud cheering, too, at the statement that Erzserum constituted the first rays of the dawn of the victory that was rising in the East. The President greeted their gallant Allies—whereupon his remarks were drowned by outbursts of cheers, and, on the Ambassadors' rising, they received an ovation. He concluded:—"Russia's duty is the resurrection of Serbia. I express my firm hope of victory, without which there shall be no peace." (Thunders of applause.)

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

FURTHER ACTION FORESHADOWED.

February 24, 12.45 p.m.
It is expected that further restrictions in imports will shortly be announced, both on necessities and luxuries. The newspapers anticipate that naval and commercial advisers will be appointed.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

ERZSERUM AND AFTER.

THE TURKISH STORY.

February 23, 1.00 p.m.
A Turkish communique says:—For military reasons the army has been withdrawn from Erzserum to a position westwards. Erzserum was not a fortress and was valueless from a military point of view.

TURKS REPORTED TO BE EVACUATING TREBIZOND.

February 23, 1.00 p.m.
A Petrograd message says that the Beyukdere, mentioned in the communique of February 23, is a tributary of the Araks, between Batoum and Trebizond.

The Russians have, for twenty-four hours, chased the Turks in the coast region—a distance of twenty miles or two days' normal marching. It is believed that the Turks have begun to evacuate Trebizond.

THE BLOCKADE QUESTION.

LORD ROBERT CECIL AS NEW MINISTER.

February 23, 5.05 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that Lord Robert Cecil had accepted the duties in the new Cabinet as Minister to deal with blockade questions.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

POINTS RECAPTURED FROM ENEMY.

February 23, 5.40 p.m.
A communique says:—We recaptured the greater part of the wood occupied by the Germans yesterday. Our curtain of fire stopped short an attack on Herbe Boia. Prisoners declare that certain German units have been annihilated. There are continual artillery duels at other points. The French artillery are active in Lorraine. We recaptured in Artois, on the Somme, parts of trenches at Bois de Givanchy.

JAPAN AND THE ALLIES.

THEIR FORTUNES INSEPARABLE.

February 23, 6.15 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, Mr. Matsui, the new Japanese ambassador, in the course of an interview, stated that the fortunes of Japan and the Allies were inseparable. He was convinced that final victory would be theirs.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

A SUBMARINE'S SMART FEAT.

February 22, 1.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that reports from various sources show that an Allied submarine passed through the Dardanelles and reached the Bosphorus on February 15 and torpedoed a tug and six munition-laden transports. There was the usual panic in Constantinople.

CANADA'S UNSWERVING LOYALTY.

February 22, 1.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says that the Duke of Connaught has given a banquet in honour of General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia. General Hughes said that, in spite of disappointments and disillusion, there would never be any doubt as to the ultimate result of the war. They in Canada supported the British Government, and he predicted there would be the closest union of the Empire as a result of the war. The Duke of Connaught, in a speech, said one important result of the war was that those who only knew each other by sentiment were now thrown together as comrades in arms. This was bound to cement closer the different parts of the Empire.

HISTORIC CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED.

February 22, 1.30 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa a message from Quebec says that the historic Catholic Church at Beauport has been burned, the loss being estimated at \$400,000. It is believed that the Church was set on fire by German sympathisers with the prisoners in the concentration camp at Beauport. The priest was warned.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

GERMANS ATTACK IN FORCE.

February 22, 5.10 p.m.
A Paris communique says:—In Artois at dusk the Germans attacked in force at Bois de Givanchy and succeeded in penetrating our first trench which was completely wrecked on a front of 800 yards, and at several points they reached the second line, from which they were driven by a counter-attack, except in a few parts. The enemy's strength was seven battalions; they suffered heavy losses from our artillery curtain of fire, and infantry machine-gun fire. The Germans exploded a mine at Roelincourt. We occupied the crater. There has been further artillery activity around Verdun. Infantry attacked eastward of Brabant-sur-Meuse, gained a footing in our advanced trench and reached our second trench, but were driven out, the French taking numbers of prisoners. Two German attacks at Seppois were repulsed. A Zeppelin did only slight material damage at Lunville. Our aeroplanes chased an aircraft at Metz.

A ZEPPELIN DISASTER.

February 22, 6.20 p.m.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at Bir-le-Duc states that Zeppelin L. 77 was struggling against the wind with her lights out at a height of six thousand feet when the French guns fired incendiary shells. One of the shells penetrated the Zeppelin's side, going through, and the flames spread over the whole airship, which slowly descended, the flames lighting up the sky. On the Zeppelin touching the ground all her bombs exploded. Frenchmen rushed to the spot and found a tangled mass of wreckage and thirty naked corpses. A second Zeppelin saw the disaster and turned tail.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.
The French Press is jubilant over the aerial victory.

GERMANY'S UNRELIABLE CASUALTY LISTS.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.
A British correspondent with the French forces gives authoritative figures showing that the German casualty lists are most unreliable, constantly under-estimating losses. It frequently happens that the total casualties announced for a regiment are considerably less than the number of prisoners alone.

MORE ACTIVITY.

February 23, 1.30 p.m.
A communique says: Last night the enemy sprang a mine east of Givanchy, but we had no casualties. They also shelled Poperinghe at dawn. We sprang a mine near the Hobenzollern Redoubt and occupied the nearer lip of the crater. To-day our artillery bombarded the enemy trenches in the vicinity of Maricourt-Ovillers and Ypres-Commines Canal. The enemy shelled our positions south-west of Ypres, using many lacrymatory shells. Our trenches between the Pilken road and the Ypres canal were also bombarded. One of our aeroplanes was struck by an anti-aircraft shell. The pilot's leg was practically severed. He managed, however, to land the machine safely at the aerodrome without injury to the observer.

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENTS AND ATTACKS.

February 23, 1.30 a.m.
A Paris communique says: Enemy trenches east of Boesinghe, in Belgium, have been bombarded. A heavy fall of snow prevented an offensive. There was activity in Artois. We destructively shelled enemy works west of Bavaria, in Champagne. The enemy north of Verdun, after a violent bombardment on both banks of the Meuse, launched a series of violent attacks between Brabant and Herbebois, but all were repulsed, except in Haumont wood and the salient north of Beaumont, which the enemy, at the cost of heavy losses, succeeded in occupying. Our curtain of fire north west of Fromezey prevented an attack, which was in preparation, from debouching. There was great artillery activity at Ban-de-Sapt and west of Althirch.

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NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

RUSSIA'S RELATIONS WITH PERSIA ARE NOW NORMAL.
THE TURKS ARE BELIEVED TO BE EVACUATING TREBIZOND.
FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS ARE SHORTLY EXPECTED.
FIVE BRITISH NAVAL AVIATORS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR DROWNED.
M. SAZONOFF SAYS THE GERMANS ARE EXPRESSING OPEN DISCONTENT.
GERMAN IMPORTS THROUGH NEUTRALS ARE MARKEDLY DIMINISHING.
M. SAZONOFF FAVOURS RUSSO-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RAPPROCHEMENT.
MR. LLOYD GEORGE HAS THANKED NAVAL MEN FOR MAKING MUNITIONS.
L.C.C. HAS CONGRATULATED LORD CHELMSFORD ON HIS APPOINTMENT.
ALLIED AMBASSADORS WERE GIVEN A GREAT RECEPTION IN THE DUMA.
LORD R. CECIL IS MINISTER TO DEAL WITH BLOCKADE QUESTIONS.
THE TURKS "WITHDREW FROM ERZSERUM FOR MILITARY REASONS."
LORD LANSDOWNE SAYS WE HAVE RUINED GERMAN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

TELEGRAMS.

LORD CHELMSFORD.

L. C. C. Congratulations.

(Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph.")

London, Received, February 22.

At a meeting of the London County Council, a resolution was passed with acclamation congratulating Lord Chelmsford on his appointment, assuring him of the esteem of his colleagues, and their confidence that he will maintain the illustrious traditions of his great office. Sir John Williams Benn paid a tribute to Lord Chelmsford's kindness of heart, eminently fitting him for the ruling of the great and sympathetic people of India.

Lord Chelmsford, in acknowledging the resolution, said that the Viceroyalty of India was perhaps the greatest post a British subject could hold, and it carried with it great responsibilities and difficulties. He was glad to think that in congratulating him the Council had those responsibilities and difficulties in mind and were pleased that a member of their Council was deemed worthy to undertake so great a task.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

London, Received, February 24.

Mr. Cecil Yecburgh is retiring from the Chester constituency owing to ill-health. Mr. Owen Phillips, the Unionist candidate, is expected to be returned unopposed.

London, Received, February 24.

Major Brodie Henderson, the machine gun expert, Unionist candidate for East Herts, is opposed by the aviator, Mr. Pemberton Billing.

Mr. Ford's New Venture.

Detroit, Feb. 14.—Mr. Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, who financed the recent peace expedition to Europe on the steamer Oscar II, announces that he is opposed to an increased, national preparedness programme, and will do everything in his power to defeat the administration's plans. Mr. Ford declares that he is ready to spend millions of dollars in an extensive advertising campaign against preparedness, using the leading American newspapers and magazines as his medium.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Saturday, February 26:

Boxing Competitions at the V.R.O.

The Races ("OE Day").

Thursday, March 2.

H. K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

GENERAL NEWS.

Sir Ernest Birch.
The Times of Malaya learns that Sir Ernest Birch, K.C.M.G., is interesting himself at home in a movement that he has initiated to add to the Malayan Aircraft Corps by a gift of an aeroplane from old P.M.S. people at present in Britain, subscriptions from whom are being collected.

University for Pretoria.
Bills have been published providing for the establishment of a new University with headquarters at Pretoria, comprising all the Universities except the South African College at Capetown and the Victoria College at Stellenbosch which are constituted as separate Universities.

Sultan of Johore's Generosity.
His Highness the Sultan of Johore has forwarded to the Secretary for the Colonies a draft for \$25,000 as a contribution from the Government of Johore. The Army Council have gratefully accepted the gift, and propose to devote it to the provision of reconnaissance aeroplanes for the use of the Royal Flying Corps.

The Fire Brigade.
The London Fire Brigade celebrated its jubilee last month. Fifty years ago, with four steam fire-engines, 28 hand engines, and a staff of 131 men, it began its strenuous fight against fire. Its staff now numbers over ten times as many officers and men and its equipment includes 250 engines, of which 108 are petrol-driven, 55 miles of hose, 1,566 street fire-alarmers, and 540 miles of telephone lines.

Proposed Philharmonic Society for Rangoon.
A movement is on foot to form a Musical Society in Rangoon for the purpose of furthering musical interests generally. A temporary Committee of nine has been formed to prepare a scheme for the working of the Society, and to formulate rules to place before a public meeting the date and place of which will be published later. A fully representative committee will be elected at the public meeting to carry on the work of the Society.—*Bangkok Weekly Times.*

Fillis's Circus Burnt Out.
Says the *Rangoon Weekly Times* of February 5:—Rangoon inhabitants will learn with regret the news contained in the following telegram received in Rangoon from Madame Fillis, Moulmein: "Big Fire during the night here. Everything burnt, except animals." Fillis's Circus has been having a short season in Moulmein and were intending to pay a return visit to Rangoon after performing at Thabon and Pegu en route. Sympathy is expressed with the proprietors and artists at the heavy blow to their fortune by this calamity.

Cow Attacked by Shark in Australia.
Moruya, N.S.W. January 24.—While swimming a channel to an island in the Turoes Lake—a twice-a-day practice—a valuable milking cow, belonging to Mr. C. Berriman, was attacked by a big shark and taken under. The cow struggled to the land with portion of her body eaten away, and the hide on each side of a large hole was split in ribbons. The animal was at once killed, and Mr. Berriman offers \$5 for the destruction of the shark. This is the first instance known on the South Coast where a cow was tackled by a shark.

A Journalistic Venture.
The *Straits Echo* says:—Negotiations are now on foot between an obscure Penang journalist and a small group of Singapore residents for the establishment of an independent and critical weekly or monthly journal designed to be absolutely free from the social and commercial influences which carry so much weight in journalistic quarters in Singapore at present. It is not anticipated that the venture would prove in any way lucrative, but it is considered that it might exercise a healthy and invigorating effect upon the Settlement and its inhabitants.

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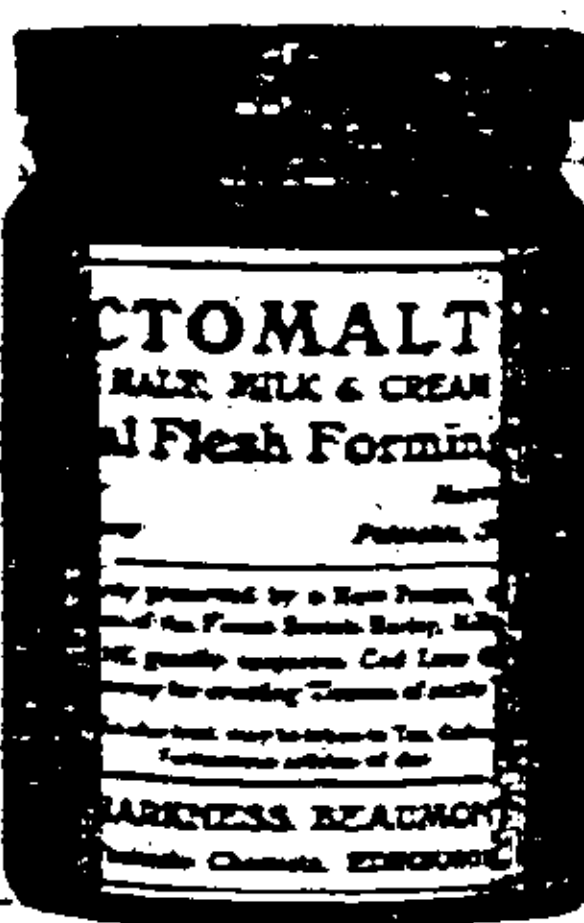
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WHITE ANTS.

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"But these matters are quibbles. The essential thing is that rubber trees which can be regarded as normally healthy, and as prospective revenue producers for a considerable future, are injured so as to impair their health, and ultimately to kill the trees unless steps are taken to rid the trees of the pest. That I think is the general indictment of Termites gestural."

"Now I add to that a very damning charge: that Termites gestural not only damages the tissues of the rubber tree, but that it frequently, if not always, introduces a fungus which is one of the most deadly of all the enemies of the rubber industry; a fungus which, once it gets a hold on the wood in the middle of the trunk, slowly but surely kills the tree, even though the tree has been cured of white ants. In other words, any tree seriously attacked at the centre by Termites gestural is doomed to a premature death, no matter what treatment be subsequently applied to the Termites." Mr. Richards developed a formula to show the saving secured if an estate was thoroughly cleared of all timber and weeds at the outset. Termites and fungus might be responsible, at a time when a plantation ought to be at the height of its vigour with every prospect of an indefinite term of years of healthy and profitable running, of killing out in a few years sufficient trees to make that plantation a source of loss—not merely that it may suffer reduction of profits, or cease to give profit, with the consequent loss of the capital invested in it, but that it may even become a drain upon the later years of the Company, all of which could and would have been avoided by clean clearing in the first place.

"Now," continued Mr. Richards, "my lecture ought to finish there. But even though I am taking stand as an apostle of clean clearing, I fully realise that it is not always immediately possible to find the wherewithal. I believe

clean clearing will have to come. But I must say just a few words about temporary measures, and then I promise to sit down.

"First, then, if you have any money to spend on clearing timber, clean up your young areas first; your old rubber will almost certainly already be attacked by Termites and fungi. And if you cannot afford to eradicate stumps cut off and pull up their lateral roots, as it is along these that contact infection and Termite infection largely take place.

"Secondly, where you have discovered Ustilina in a tree trench in round to below the lateral roots to prevent contact infection. If the tree is worth saving treat it by cutting away all the diseased roots and wood, scraping clean, tarring heavily, and if necessary supporting it with concrete. Burn all diseased trees which cannot be saved, and burn all the wood and roots from treated trees.

"Thirdly, as to Termites. If you cannot clear up all timber, clean up as much as possible of the soil fungus bearing wood, and bore and smoke with sulphur arsenic all the hard wood capable of harbouring gestural. Remove all dead and felled rubber stumps, as these get riddled with Termites and borers and permeated with Ustilina. Keep a permanent record of all white ant trees and get rid of these first when thinning out. If any white ant trees remain and there is a subsequent attack, watch carefully for the thinning out the top and other signs of the fungus, and treat at once.

"And, finally, do not be deceived by the hope that such temporary expedients are going to do anything more than afford relief. To get rid of the danger you must get rid of the source from which it arises."—*Times of Malaya.*

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THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS.

In the interview which Mr. Bonar Law gave on Monday to an American correspondent, he "dwelt on the disadvantages which democracies were under in prosecuting a war," says Reuter, "but he said that we are now living in a war atmosphere, and nothing matters except winning the war." Britishers throughout the world, who have the interests of their Motherland at heart, will warmly echo this last sentiment. Fads, fancies, crazes, theories, and undisciplined anticipations, the rights and wrongs of the labour and Irish questions, individual financial gains—none of these can be found time for, if our hearts are really in the business of beating Germany. There is no time for conscientious objections, and none for deploring past mistakes. The Secretary of State's words were doubtless meant, in the first place, for the American public, but we trust that the Cabinet and the general public at home will lay hold on them and take them henceforth for their motto.

Pages could be written concerning the thousands of idle questions which the Parliament at home has contrived to discuss; and pages more about the folly or selfishness of a certain type of business man and of artisan, and of the man with "views". Would all this terrible record of suicidal folly be possible if we were determined to keep, all the time, before our eyes this single idea on which the Secretary of State lays stress? That now, after more than eighteen months of war, it should be necessary to harp upon such a string, is a painful illustration of the fact that the war has not done for Britishers what it should long ago have done. Through our national selfishness and over much love of sentiment we allowed ourselves to be caught half asleep by Germany; and, through the same failings, we have, for many years past, been gradually ceasing to be the men that our fathers were. It is granted that there was never a time when political mistakes and muddles did not exist; but our fathers were strong enough to rise superior to the hindrances caused by the muddlers, whereas to-day these have it all their own way. The war came to teach us a lesson—and we have not yet learned the lesson. While one half of the manhood of the Empire is risking its life for the sake of British ideals, an undue proportion of the other half is whining about its conscience, its rights, its losses or its inconveniences.

Things would not be so bad were it not for the fact that this undesirable proportion can control votes, and therefore constitutes an object from which many of our rulers in the Cabinet dare not remove their eyes. There are men in the Cabinet whose first idea is not the winning of the war but the keeping of the votes of their party after the war is over; and this is sufficient explanation of the amount of opposition that there has been to taking properly stern measures with Germans in and out of England, with labour agitators, and with everyone else who dares to imply that anything else does matter besides the winning of the war. If Germany had possessed the half of our advantages—naval, financial and other—she would have finished the conflict twelve months ago, because, with all her faults, she is capable of keeping a single idea ever before her eyes and can act without reference to the convenience or inconvenience of others. Would Germany have fooled with the blockade as we have done? Would she have had her towns teeming with British spies, months after the outbreak of war? Would she have allowed the output of munitions to be delayed for one second by threats of a strike? Was there a word of strikes heard in Germany so long as her men felt sure that they were winning? If we are going to make short work of what remains of our enemy's strength, it will have to be, not by adopting his methods, but by using what is permissible in his tone of thought. We have to learn that there are times when the end does justify the means, and to resolve, if necessary, to brush aside for the time, the "disadvantages" which democracies are under "of which Mr. Bonar Law speaks. We want to win the war, and as quickly as possible; then why bother our heads either about the "rights" of the trade unionists or the temporary inconvenience to which neutral nations may be put (but, in most cases are not put) by a rigid blockade? Nothing matters, except winning the war!

The Races.

Save that the "Off Day" has still to be celebrated, the Races have come and gone for another year. So far as attendance and business of sport are concerned, the 1916 Meeting will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of the Colony. Some really fine finishes were witnessed, and at a few other Meetings have so many records been broken. Sir Paul Chater having the best of the ponies, it was a regular "Dahlia" Meeting: this stable took off practically all the best events. On the first two days especially, the Dahlias had things all their own way, but yesterday Mr. John Peel's nominations came more into the picture. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie had a most disappointing three days, only securing one solitary win. This was the regrettable feature of the Meeting, as the owner of the Chieftain is a thorough sportsman and has for very many years been a prominent supporter of the turf in Hongkong. One other point worthy of notice is that this year's Races marked Mr. Hough's silver jubilee as Clerk of the Course in Hongkong. When he first took up that position here, he was a very keen and successful rider. But the march of time has called a halt to his jockey-days; it can never crush his love for the turf, though. And the Hongkong Races without his familiar figure would be decidedly incomplete.

One thing which must have struck those who went to Happy Valley during the Races was the more than usually heavy betting which characterised the Meeting. From the amounts paid out in the cash sweeps, we should imagine this Meeting to have well-nigh established a record in the matter of the purchase of pari-mutuel and cash sweep tickets. In the Champion Stakes the number of tickets taken was surprisingly large. So much will be gathered when it is stated that the total amount of money represented this year for this race alone was \$24,220, as compared with \$17,070 twelve months ago. Whatever other effect the war has had, it has evidently not touched the pockets of certain classes—that is, if we may judge from the freedom with which cash was circulating at the Races. Of course, this money, or the greater part of it, remains in the Colony: it has merely changed pockets. And there is the other point that the Jockey Club is this year taking a larger percentage of the bettings than heretofore, with the object of assisting war charities. All the same, it does seem rather incongruous that, at a time like the present, so much money should have been frittered away in gambling.

A Public Monument.
From the remarks made at the meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on Saturday, it will have been noticed that Hongkong is to have another monument added to the considerable number which the Colony already possesses. After the war, it is the intention of the Bank to erect a fitting memorial to those of its staff who have fallen while serving their country. The idea is a most praiseworthy one, and it is only right and fitting that such a monument should be set up here where the Bank originated and still has its Head Office. We would like to throw out the suggestion, however, that, quite apart from this proposal, there should be erected in the Colony a public memorial to those who have volunteered for the Front from Hongkong. Considering the size of the white population here, it must be admitted that Hongkong has been by no means behind in providing men for the new Armies, and what we should like to see would be a suitable monument raised on a convenient site, bearing the names of those who, at the call of their country, made the highest offer any man could, in placing themselves—and their lives, if need be—at the disposal of the State. Such a record would be looked upon with rightful pride by the Colony in days to come. This project should, of course, be undertaken by the public. We throw out the suggestion now in the hope that it may be kept in mind until the time is ripe for practical consideration of the matter.

DAY BY DAY

SO LONG AS TIME IS, IS ATONE-MENT—Longfellow.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 64; heavy fog. (1915, 63 fog.)
Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 68; fog. (1915, 69 dull.)

The Mails.

English Mail.—Closed per a.s. Namur at 2 p.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail.—Closed per a.s. Sinking at 3 p.m. to-day.
Siberian Mail.—Due per a.s. Yngchow to-morrow.
French Mail.—Due per a.s. Amazon at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 193rd anniversary of the death of Sir Christopher Wren.

Sanitary Board.

The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow afternoon, having been postponed from Tuesday.

Company Meeting.

The meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., is being held at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Auction Sales.

Mr. G. P. Lammett has two auction sales to-morrow. He is selling office furniture at 1, Des Vaux Road Central at 11 a.m. and household effects at 10, Stewart Terrace, The Peak, at 2.30 p.m.

Former Hongkong Officer Honoured.

Captain C. J. Aston, R.E., formerly at Hongkong, was "mentioned" in Sir John French's despatch of 30th November, 1915, and has been awarded the Military Cross. Captain Aston has been at the Western Front since the first week of the war.

Motor Car Accidents.

Two motor car accidents have been reported to the police as having occurred yesterday. One was in Caine Road as a consequence of which, a Chinese has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from slight wounds. The other took place on the Shaukiwan Road, a Chinese in this case being also admitted to the Hospital, with slight injuries to the head.

A Servant Girl's Defence.

A Chinese servant girl was charged before Mr. J. E. Wood this morning with stealing a \$100 note from her master, who is a student at the University. She admitted the offence, and said that an amah had told her to hand over to her all the money she could get so that the amah could redeem her from her mistress. She was remanded until Saturday morning. The amah was also charged with receiving the money, well knowing it to have been stolen. Mr. F. D'Almeida defended and the case was adjourned for a week.

Novel Sweepstake.

A fruit hawker's novel method of selling his goods, and, at the same time, of getting a large price for them, was explained at the Police Court this morning when he appeared before Mr. Hazeland to answer a charge of gambling. It appeared that the man was selling preserved plums and for one cent was giving a slip of paper with a number on it in invisible ink. On being placed into the cup of acid which defendant carried, the number was revealed and plums to the same number were supplied. The slips bore the numbers from one to four. A fine of \$3 was imposed.

A Mythical "Friend."

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland this morning with having in his possession a pistol without the permission of the O.S.P. on the 23rd inst. Sergeant Laungan said the defendant came to the Colony on the a.s. St. Albans, and, though saying he had no pistol, one was found hidden in a straw basket. Defendant's excuse was that it belonged to his "friend," but, on being asked where the friend was, said that he had since died. His Worship rightly refused to believe the story and imposed a fine of \$150, or two months' imprisonment.

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S SPEECH.

Incidentals.

Reuter gives us but little small matters this morning. The wire concerning the amount of war work that is being done for Russia by the Japanese would certainly have "kept," seeing that every child in the Far East has known all about it for long enough. Germany is again active, we perceive, at the work which suits her martial spirit best; to wit: the sending of anonymous letters, the burning down of a historic Catholic church in Canada, the placing of an infernal machine on a Lamport and Holt steamer, and the compiling of false casualty lists. The nearer piece of work she has performed in this last connection is that of proving that the total number of casualties in a given engagement is less than the actual number of prisoners taken in the same engagement by the other side. But the Germans were always a gifted people where mathematics are concerned. We wonder how that same mathematical ability will prompt her to deal with the forty thousand casualties sustained by Turkey at Erzerum, and with most recent of Italy's successes, which is described in this morning's wires. And there is that other little matter, too—the sinking of Turkish vessels. The Russians have just accounted for thirteen sailing ships, while a submarine belonging to one of the Allies has visited the Bosphorus and has sunk six transports.

In the Lords.

The debate in the House of Lords on the eternal blockade question has at least elicited facts as well as opinions; and past experience of Lord Lansdowne has taught the public to take far more seriously and literally, a statement coming from him, than one put forth by the average up-to-date Cabinet member. But even with him there would seem to be a faint danger of evil communications' corrupting good manners. The figures which he gives are certainly very satisfactory, but he is careful to imply that he can offer no guarantee that those figures will continue to hold. All are bound to honour Lord Lansdowne for his eagerness to keep alive British traditions of chivalrous regard even for enemies, leave alone for neutrals, but—and the "but" is a big one—there remains, after all, the moral question: is Britain justified in prolonging this stupendously awful war by one day or one minute, out of consideration for people who have no intention of considering her in any way whatever? No one denies the naval difficulty of watching and examining practically every craft that is destined for a Scandinavian or Dutch port; then why add to the awkwardness of the situation by introducing the legal difficulty as well? Could not that be left till after the war? The more we allow ourselves to be baffled or bluffed, the more we may do.

"A Fortnight's Experience."
There is, however, one unusually interesting though apparently minor feature in Lord Lansdowne's speech. "He only wished that the people here could have a fortnight's experience of the conditions in Germany. That would end the talk about Government supineness." This, so far as we can recollect, is the first time that anyone at home really qualified to speak with authority has committed himself to an approach to a definite remark about the condition of things economic in the enemy country. We may take it that the speaker had very clear information to go upon before committing himself, even by insinuation. It seems almost a pity that an authoritative statement on a tolerably wide scale cannot be made as to the position of affairs in Germany; though, of course, it is not difficult to see that before compulsory enlistment became an accomplished fact, such a statement might have done as much harm as good, in that it has increased the undue sense of security at home and would have afforded the Shirkers an extra excuse for not.

KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

How the Construction is Proceeding.

The following report on the progress made in the erection of the Kowloon Railway Station up to December 31, 1915, (signed by Mr. H. P. Winslow, manager, and Mr. Robert Baker, engineer of ways and works) was laid before the Legislative Council this afternoon:—

Kang On's contract has now run for 22 months out of the two years.

All masonry both brickwork and granite work has been completed for some time and with exception of the tower has been cleaned down. The cleaning down of the tower will be commenced early in January, 1916.

With the exception of the three rooms adjoining the tower, which cannot be roofed until the tower scaffolding is removed, all other rooms are well forward; the plaster work, fixing of doors and windows, flooring, and fireplaces being completed in most cases.

The paving to ground floor areas is well in hand, all granite paving being completed and more than half the wood paving.

Owing to serious delay in the supply of sanitary and lavatory fittings ordered through the Crown Agents, much of the work has been held up for several months and is being so still. Water piping, the completion of lavatory and other floor, closet walls, the laying of tiles to dadoes and flooring, drainage and connections to sewers is at a complete standstill. The excuse for delay given by the manufacturers to the Crown Agents is that "their works have been unfortunally in the manufacture of the pottery parts and they have had to remake." With this very regrettable exception, and the lighting conductors which are due in the Colony now, all other requisitions through the Crown Agents for the building have been delivered in good time.

A further cause of delay to the completion of the contract is anticipated with regard to electric wiring and fittings, which are being supplied through a local firm, they finding it very difficult to obtain this class of work from England at the present time.

Of the amount of Kang On's contract namely \$173,847 there has been paid on account of work done to date approximately \$135,800.

It is yet hoped that the contract may be completed to time, though if not, no blame can be attributed to Kang On.

With regard to other work in connection with the station building apart from Kang On's contract, the telephones will be transferred and where necessary augmented by the Public Works Department and the Telephone Company, all necessary additional furniture will be ordered locally, and the Public Works Department will be asked to form and surface the road approach.

A contract has been let by the Crown Agents for the supply of steelwork and roofing materials for the platform awnings.

The necessary additional station machinery such as dating machines, weighing machines, etc., are on order, while safes and the truck weighbridge are partly delivered already.

The connection between the colonnade and the Star Ferry Pier awning is being carried out by the Star Ferry Company.

JAPAN CANNOT GET PLATES.

For sometime past Japan has been after a large tonnage of ship plates. Big premiums have been offered to the American companies, but they are unable to supply Japan on account of the unprecedented domestic demand. While plates are quoted at \$2 per 100 pounds, sales for immediate delivery are reported as high as \$2.50 per 100 pounds. But there is very little immediate delivery plate available.—Wall Street Journal.

SHANGHAI SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. A. L. Anderson & Co.'s Weekly Share Circular (Shanghai, 19th February), says:—

Contrary to general expectation our market has ruled listless and inactive, and this is most noticeable among the Bubblers, where, despite sustained values in the London Produce market, few transactions, and these nearly all at falling rates, have been made. Whether this be due to the state of things outlined in our circular of 8th ultimo, to forward contracts maturing on 28th instant, or to richer attractions at present offered by the piece-goods and other kindred markets, we prefer not to say. Cottons hardly obtained notice despite the considerably greater interest shown in the yarn market. General Securities were hardly touched upon. To-day's opening rate for T/T on London was 2/7 1/2; the dollar rate being 7.25.

Debentures.—Only a few small deals were made: some buyers exist, but these are no longer willing to pay the fantastic prices current a few months ago, and have to be coaxed by "bargain-rates."

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai. The one hundredth meeting takes place in Hongkong to-day: the Directors recommend the payment of a further dividend of 2.5-0 and a bonus of 5/-, making 5.4-10 for the year, that \$500,000 be written off Premises A/c and \$3,027,219.80 be carried forward. The net profit for the year, after making due provision for contingencies, was \$6,880,509.01, exclusive of \$2607,274.51 brought forward from 1914. Shares are wanted at \$795 ex-dividend and bonus.

Insurance.—North China still offer at 182 1/2. Unions are wanted at \$955, but Yangtzes are obtainable at \$250.

Shipping.—Indo-China are wanted at Tls. 135, the parity of the Hongkong rate, but few shares are forth coming. Shanghai Tugs sold and wanted at 16 and 14 respectively. The meeting is being for 16th prox., when the Directors will recommend a dividend of 8 per cent. on the ordinary and 7 per cent. on the preference shares. Kochians are still on offer at 22.

Docks and Engineering.—Shanghai registered only one sale, at 64; more could be placed, but holders are firm. New Engineering obtained recognition at 10 1/2.

Land and Hotels.—Anglo-French steady at 106, and Investments at 106 1/2 after sales at 10 1/2 and 107. Weihaiwei could be placed at 3 and Centrals at 7 1/2.

Cotton Mills.—Little business doing, although the mills are again more active, and but for the closing of the Szechuan market owing to the insurrection in Yunnan would be doing good business. Lan Kung Mow. The meeting will be held on 21st instant: the mill has hardly enjoyed as much success as its competitors, the accounts showing a profit for the year of Tls. 2,165.58, which is to be carried forward.

Industrials.—Langkats have remained steady in the close neighbourhood of 38 and seem inclined to strengthen in anticipation of the accounts, which should make a better showing than last year as regards investments and rubber, even if the revenue from oil (which is the company's chief business) be disappointing. Samatras were not dealt in, and a few shares offer at 135, at close.

Bubblers.—An absence of buyers more than a plenitude of sellers, making a dull market with a slightly weak tendency. The investor, who secured his requirements much below current prices, is doing nothing, but a few "short-run" men are unable to hold. Tobacco advertises that the Transfer books will be closed from 8th to the 11th March; both days inclusive. Java Consolidated. The Meeting is advertised for 3rd prox. and a dividend of Tls. 1 1/2 will be recommended by the Directors.

Miscellaneous.—A few constructions sold at 9 1/2 and Telephones at 97. Gas wanted at 34 1/2.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

FEATURES OF THE COMING BUDGET.

February 22, 12.20 p.m.

The Daily Telegraph says signs are increasing that an important feature of the next Budget will be a further extension of the customs tariff. The principal object will be to tax luxuries, but a new schedule will be prepared with due regard to the Dominions. The Allies' arrangements were nearly complete for the formation of a Standing Joint Committee to co-ordinate naval, military and aviation matters. It was probable that Lord Derby would take charge of the Committee, of which the technical head would be either General Henderson, Director-General of Military Aeronautics or Brigadier Trenchard, of the Royal Flying Corps. It was stated that the Government thinks that for the purpose of the enforcement of the blockade of Germany it is desirable to leave a single Minister to co-ordinate the powers now held by the Foreign Office, Admiralty, Board of Trade and other departments. Lord Robert Cecil is mentioned in this connection and it is expected a statement will be made in the House of Lords to-day.

TURKS' LOSSES AT ERZERUM.

February 22, 5.00 p.m.

According to a telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Turkish losses at Erzerum totalled 40,000.

HOLLAND'S EXPENDITURE.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague says that bills have been introduced to raise 210 million florins to cover extraordinary expenditure up to August 1 next.

ANOTHER SHIPPING OUTRAGE.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rio de Janeiro reports that the Lymport and Holt steamer Tennyson has arrived at Maranhao seriously damaged, owing to explosions in her bunkers. Three persons were killed. The explosions are said to be due to an internal machine.

WARNED NOT TO TRAVEL.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at New York says that anonymous letters warn Americans booking on the liner Espagne not to embark, in view of Germany's determination to attack armed merchantmen.

JAPAN'S HELP.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that the new Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Matsui, interviewed on his arrival at Versailles, said that all Japanese factories were working for the Russians. They had not yet reached their maximum, but already they had furnished material of all sorts, which the Japanese liked to think had helped the Allies to gain success.

AN AVALANCHE IN THE AUSTRIAN TYROL.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

A terrible avalanche in the mountains on the Austrian Tyrol engulfed a crowded shelter-hut. Fifty-five persons were killed, forty-nine injured, and thirty are missing.

ALPINISTS' FINE WORK.

February 23, 3.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome reports that the Italians successfully concluded their action initiated on the 9th inst. by capturing the mountainous Collo zone in Orogana district. Alpinists advancing over snowfields and through fog, reached the summit of Collo and the adjacent heights. They drove out the Austrians and repulsed counter-attacks. Subsequently the Italians extended their occupation in the direction of Monte Cola Saddle.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE MEETS.

February 23, 13.0 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that at the first meeting of the Anglo-French Inter-Parliamentary Committee, MM. Desart and Choumet explained the work of the British and French fleets respectively. M. Guarnier discussed the mercantile marine problem, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh made a statement on maritime questions generally.

A POPULAR MONARCH.

February 22, 7.25 p.m.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Tsar paid a surprise visit to the Dams on its re-assembling. His Majesty was given a warm ovation, the members repeatedly singing the National Anthem. The enthusiasm prevailed throughout His Majesty's stay and he again received an ovation on leaving.

THE BLOCKADE QUESTION.

February 22, 8.40 p.m.

Lord Lansdowne, speaking in the House of Lords, said the Government proposed to put the whole of the blockade business in charge of a single member of the Cabinet who would be entrusted with the co-ordination of matters in regard thereto.

A FIGHTING PARLIAMENTARIAN.

February 22, 10.30 p.m.

Major the Hon. J. C. Lyttelton has resigned his seat for Mid-Worcester owing to his absorption in duties at the Front.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by the correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

THE RACES AND AFTER.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—Now that the Races are over, it would be interesting to elicit replies to the following questions. First: Were the Races necessary; if so, why, and if not, why were they held? Second: Could they have been made a success without the extra inducement offered by sweepstakes and lotteries? If not, is this a proper time to tempt people to fritter away money on pure and simple gambling when there are so many more urgent claims upon the purses of the wealthy? Third: If a small boy who is caught running a toy "chemin de fer" is run in before the Magistrate for illegality, why is an infinitely larger field for gambling thrown open to any one who chooses to pay for admission to the Race Club enclosure? Fourth: If it be argued that the Race Club increased the percentage to be deducted from the sweeps and lotteries for the purpose of making a larger contribution than usual to War Funds and charities, what was the total amount of money which passed through its hands in order to achieve this object, and was the transaction sound finance? Fifth: If it be argued that, after all, most of the money spent over the Races remains in circulation in the Colony, what about the cost of the large number of new ponies imported from Shanghai for this Meeting; and into whose hands has all the money passed which owners have spent in training their ponies and bringing them to the post, without taking into account what they may have since recouped by their winnings? Sixth: In view of the appeals lately made by politicians and prominent financiers in England to all good citizens of the Empire to exercise the most rigid economy, even to the extent of self-denial of all but the absolute necessities of life, is the expenditure incurred over the Races (not forgetting the cost of entertaining and of celebrating victories) economically, industrially or ethically defensible? Finally, may the hope be expressed that winners of large sums of money by the favour of fortune will not be satisfied to rely upon the percentage already withheld from their winnings by the Jockey Club for charitable purposes but will give freely of that which has cost them so little to earn?

Yours, etc., S. O. CRATES.

Hongkong, February 24th, 1916.

A BEAR IN COURT.

Cage too Small for it to Lie Down.

A Chinese was before Mr. Hazland this morning, charged with keeping a bear in such a state as to cause it needless suffering at Causeway Bay yesterday. Evidence was given by Mr. Scull, of the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, who said that yesterday afternoon, as he was going back to the Races from tiffin, he saw the defendant and two coolies in the yard with the bear in a very small cage. It could not turn round and there were no drinking facilities. He thought the smallness of the cage was causing suffering. His Worship then inspected the cage, which had previously been brought into Court, with the bear. It was seen that the cage was so small that the animal could not even lie down. Defendant, who said he had only had the bear given him a few days ago, was fined \$10, or one month. His Worship ordered the animal to be accommodated in a bigger cage at once.

Less Crime.

Whilst there have been several cases of larceny at the Police Court in connection with the Races it is satisfactory to know that the number of thefts reported to the police during these three days has been very much less than in former years.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

SAUSAGES.

We invite you to inspect the variety of Sausages we have

ALL READY FOR YOUR TABLE.

OXFORD SAUSAGES.

TOMATO

POLONY

BOLOGNE SAUSAGES.

TONGUE

BLOOD

LIVER SAUSAGES, &c., &c., &c.

All made on our own premises by our own European Expert.

SOME FACTS ABOUT COLOUR.

Professor Warren's Lecture at the Y.M.C.A.

Professor Warren was responsible for one of the most interesting lectures given at the Y.M.C.A. when, last night, he delivered a discourse on "Colour" to a fairly good attendance, who listened with rapt attention to the many new points disclosed by the lecturer. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. At the outset, the lecturer dwelt on the transmittance of light from the sun through the ether, or space, to the earth, and compared the waves of light with those sent out by wireless telegraphy installations. These, he continued, attained a velocity of about 185,000 miles a second. Regarding the transparency of objects, it was pointed out that either waves could pass through even a brick wall. The division of white light, of which the rainbow was a common example, was illustrated, and also the combination of colour to produce white. Black, it was explained, is not a colour. The lecturer gave a striking illustration which he entitled the "Nap Hand," taking a hand of cards consisting of both black and red. On looking at these through a green glass all the cards appeared to be black. The effect of colour on human faces was not the least interesting of the experiments, some being very highly diverting. In conclusion, reference was made to three colour photography and printing. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Professor Warren for his excellent lecture.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for the current month is as follows:—

February 1	Tons	222
" 2	"	203
" 3	"	198
" 4	"	203
" 5	"	194
" 6	"	183
" 7	"	181
" 8	"	190
" 9	"	157
" 10	"	144
" 11	"	144
" 12	"	152
" 13	"	143
" 14	"	149
" 15	"	210
" 16	"	211
" 17	"	204
" 18	"	186
" 19	"	203
" 20	"	198
" 21	"	179
" 22	"	173
" 23	"	179
Total to 23rd inst.		4,209
Daily average		175.35

Victoria Theatre.

The programme being provided at the Victoria Theatre by the Melbourne Comedy Company is full of topical comicalities, "The Sentry Box," the Soldier and the Maid" being extremely funny. To-night is the last performance of the present striking programme.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Loochow from Shanghai on 23rd February.—
Macfarlane Mr Mrs and Miss

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Hitachi Maru from Hongkong on 24th February.—

Asa Mr
Abe Mr & Mrs
Block Mr E
Baker Miss A
Booke Mr C
Dough Mr J C
Hayashi Mr
Hollingsworth Mr A H
Ireda Mr
Jennings Mr E G
Kobayashi Mr
Lada Mr
Miyasaki Mrs
Morris Mr
Mooreson Mr M
Murphy Miss
Noda Mr
Oishi Mr
Ohtsuka Mr S
Rudo Mr S
Quier Mr M J
Rose Mr & Mrs
Shimizu Mr
Takeuchi Mr K
Tasson Mr J W
Uchida Mr
Yamamoto Mr
Yamashita Mr
Yasuda Mr & Mrs
Yoshida Mr
Ward Mr

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

We have this day authorised Mr. FRANK EWART JOSELAND to sign the name of our firm in Canton.
DONNELLY & WHITE.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1916.

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R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1916.

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Shinyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	14th Mar. at noon.
Chiyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	8th Apr. at noon.
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SHANGHAI	Fooksang	Tues., 29th Feb. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Fri., 3rd Mar. at d'light.
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The Islami.

The Bombay and Persia S. N. Company's s.s. Islami, 2,545 tons, has been purchased by Shanghai buyers and is now fitting out here says Shipping and Engineering. In command of Captain G. Rutland, she has been chartered for twelve months by the Kailan Mining Administration to carry coal from Chinwangtao. She was built in 1887 by Messrs. R. Dixon & Co., Middleboro, with dimensions 300ft. by 40.2ft. by 23.9ft. and was formerly known as the Gulf of Trinidad.

Another Japanese Steamer in the Mediterranean.

Intelligence has been obtained at the Kishimoto S.S. Co., Dairen, says the *Manchuria Daily News* to the effect that the s.s. Shinko Maru, 3,084 tons, owned by the Company and registered here, arrived at Port Said on the 22nd of January from Japan on her way to Marseilles. She is not covered by war insurance, and the shipowners have telegraphically instructed the ship to stay where she is until her charterers, a foreign firm of Hongkong, have gone through the procedure of taking out a policy for her.

Licences for Cargoes.

It would seem that the War Trade Department are getting very strict with regard to the granting of licences. One firm of shipowners recently had a consignment of 60 tons of Japanese mats for conveyance to Holland. In the past no licence has been needed for such cargo, but now, after being in craft for some days, the mats in question have been stopped, pending the granting of a licence. The Customs authorities refused to allow the stuff to be shipped, referring the matter back to the War Trade Department, and finally a licence was granted. Japanese mats are now classed as vegetable fibre, which is a prohibited article.—*Shipping and Mercantile Gazette.*

Cigar-Shaped Oil Ships.

Cigar-shaped ships, carrying each 20,000 tons of oil, will probably be used to bring oil to England from America in the near future. They will travel under water, or, at least, in an almost submerged position, and be towed across the ocean by steamers. It has been found that a submerged vessel can be towed much more easily than an ordinary vessel of the same size, this being due to the fact that the vessel is, even in its surface position, almost entirely submerged; and the discovery has been made use of in the design of the new gigantic oil carriers. Another novelty, says the *Daily Chronicle*, will be the permanent storage of large quantities of oil under water. Ordinary oil storage tanks are splendid marks for big guns, and are also vulnerable to attack from the air. The new method consists in sinking large steel cylinders filled with oil in an artificial lake, the oil being pumped in or out as required. An air chamber in each cylinder provides means for raising it to the surface.

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HONGKONG THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1916.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

REMOVAL OF GERMAN PRISONERS.

What it Will Cost the Colony.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held this afternoon in the Council Chamber, H.E. the Governor presiding. There were present:—

H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, (Major-General F. Ventris.)

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. C. McI. Messer.)

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. E. Stellim.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The Hon. Mr. Lan Chu Pak.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Clerk to the Council.

New Committees.

His Excellency the Governor appointed the following committees.

Finance Committee.—The whole of the Council.

Public Works Committee.—The Director of Public Works, the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. Wei Yuk, and Mr. Lan Chu Pak.

Law Committee.—The Attorney General, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Pollock, Mr. Landale and Mr. Lan Chu Pak.

Finances.

The following financial minutes, recommended by H. E. the Governor, were referred to the Finance Committee:—

A sum of \$2,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Compensation for the pathway along the eastern boundary of the Eurasian Cemetery.

A sum of \$343 in aid of the vote Education, A.—Department of Director of Education, other charges, Bellis Public School, electric fans and light.

A sum of \$2,500 in aid of the vote Royal Observatory, special expenditure, apparatus for distributing wireless time signals.

A sum of \$313.37 in aid of Charitable Allowances—passages and relief of destitutes—special vote.

A sum of \$3,228.10 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, miscellaneous, 18 (b), stores depreciation.

Tramway Extension.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution:—

“Whereas by the provisions of Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance, 1902, it is inter alia provided that subject to the approval of the Governor-in-Council after timely and adequate notification by public advertisement or otherwise of the intention of the Company to apply for such approval and after such approval has been confirmed by a resolution of the Legislative Council the Company may construct and maintain subject to the provisions of the said Ordinance and in accordance with plans to be previously deposited in the Office of the Director of Public Works all such lines, crossings, passing places, sidings, junctions, turntables and other works in addition to or as extension of those particularly specified in and authorized by the said Ordinance may be approved of by the Governor-in-Council and may work and use the same:

“And whereas timely and adequate notification by public advertisement of the intention of the Company to apply for the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the construction and maintenance of a crossing at the eastern end of Yee Woo Street in accordance with a plan deposited in the Office of the Director of Public Works has been given:

“And whereas the Company has duly applied for the approval of the Governor-in-Council to the construction and maintenance of the said crossing:

“And whereas the Governor-in-Council did on the 27th day of January, 1916, approve of the construction and maintenance of the said line:

“Now it is hereby resolved that the approval of the Governor-in-Council so given as aforesaid shall be and is hereby confirmed.”

The Hon. Attorney General seconded, and the resolution was carried.

Prisoners of War.

The following motion stood in the name of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—That in the opinion of this Council it is most desirable that the interned alien enemies should be removed from the Colony at the earliest practical moment.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that whilst there was happily no occasion for him to move the resolution of which he had given the original notice, he would like to make some explanation. When he originally moved that, he had no desire to harass the Government in the difficult negotiations which were then proceeding, but rather was it in the hope of assisting them by the knowledge that behind the resolution was the united opinion of the Colony. Nor was it to show for one moment that there was a desire on the part of any one to escape these military duties which for so many months past had been engaged in at the Camp at Kowloon. Whilst it could not be denied that it was never regarded as a labour of love, it was cheerfully and wholeheartedly undertaken by every member of the Corps of Reserves and Volunteers, as their part of the burden of Empire. In that connection he would like to ask that at the close of that great war he, His Excellency, would see to it that, whilst they had never asked for payment, nor desired it, there was a reward which could be given for labour well done in the cause of Empire and that was in the shape of a Service Medal for this Colony with a “Kowloon” bar added to it. He now begged formally to withdraw the motion.

His Excellency the Governor, in reply, said that he did not think that anybody in the Colony, personally he never did—thought for one moment that the movement to secure the withdrawal of the German prisoners of war from the Colony was due to any lack of willingness on the part of the Volunteers to undertake the duties which arose from guarding them. He knew that such foolish rumours had been heard outside the Colony but there were many foolish and, indeed, slanderous, rumours outside this Colony concerning a good many people, both official and unofficial. As regards any rewards for the Volunteers after this war, it was very early to speak about that now and he could not express any opinion on the subject.

He had hoped by the time of this council meeting to be able to ask them to pass the necessary vote to cover the considerable expenditure which the removal of the Germans had involved. The Council, as they knew, undertook to provide for the expenditure this year to defray the entire expenses of the maintenance of the prisoners of war, and, that being so, he conceived that it would be their wish for the Colony to also defray the expenses, not only of maintaining the prisoners of war in Australia, and the preparation of the accommodation there, but of transporting them to that portion of His Majesty's dominions, including the

equipping of the ship which carried them. That had been a somewhat costly business and would involve an expenditure, over the vote of \$70,000 which had been provided for the maintenance of these prisoners, of about \$200,000. The necessary information as to how that sum had been arrived at, would be furnished to the Council in due course and he had no doubt that the Council would willingly vote the money.

He would like to take that opportunity of mentioning that there was another batch of German prisoners now in the Colony and it was proposed to send them, following in the wake of their predecessors, and he presumed he might bind the Colony in the same way, not only in incurring the cost of the necessary maintenance, but also the cost of their transport.

There was one other item that he would like to mention on the subject of war. Towards the close of last year he was speaking on the subject of the appeal made by His Majesty for recruits and he said that there were about 100 or 150 Britishers in the Colony who might, in his opinion, be serving in the Volunteers or otherwise. Shortly after he had made those remarks, the number had considerably reduced and he then undertook a personal canvass, and he was glad to say that on the 3rd of January the position was such that there was no Britisher in this Colony who was not either serving in the Volunteers or Police Reserve or who was not doing approved service for the Government in connection with the war or who had not been exempted on a medical certificate or by himself for special reasons. He thought that was a most satisfactory result. (Applause.)

False Passports.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled

An Ordinance to prevent the use of false passports, and to confer on the Governor-in-Council power to order the internment of certain suspected persons.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

The Objects and Reasons stated:—The objects of clause 2 of this Bill are to make it an offence for any person to possess a false passport and to make it an offence for any enemy subject to pass under an assumed name. The object of clause 3 is to give the Governor-in-Council power to intern for the duration of the war any person suspected of acting, or of being about to act, in a manner prejudicial to the defence of the Colony or to the public safety of any part of His Majesty's dominions.

Societies Ordinance.

The council went into Committee on the Bill intitled An Ordinance to amend the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

The third reading was seconded by the Colonial Secretary and agreed to.

The Bill was read a third time and passed.

Trouble about a Dog.

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RACE TRAFFIC.

Interesting Tramway Figures.

The car miles run and the passengers carried on the Racecourse route by the Hongkong Tramway Company's cars during the three Race days were as follows:—

	Miles	Passengers
Monday	2,757	32,027
Tuesday	2,819	34,041
Wednesday	2,781	32,177

There were 43 cars in operation on the Racecourse route each day, and a service of approximately 40 seconds was maintained to and from the course. No accidents were reported.

MERCHANT SHIP GOES ASHORE.

Mishap to the s.s. Kolya.

It is reported that the s.s. Kolya, a merchantman trading between Manila and Australia, which left Hongkong last Sunday on her voyage to Australia, went ashore in the Hainan Straits and suffered considerable damage. She was, however, able to get off and steam back herself, and is now berthed in the Cosmopolitan Docks at Kowloon, where she will undergo the repairs she is badly in need of.

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DAY BY DAY.

Men's Conference.

A men's Conference is being held by the Rev. C. L. Cooper-Hunt, C.F., at the Seamen's Institute every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All men who care to do so are invited to attend.

Possession of Lead.

For unlawfully possessing 33 lbs. of lead valued at \$3, which was reasonably suspected of having been stolen, a Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning. A fine of \$10, or 14 days, was imposed.

Summons Withdrawn.

A Chinese was charged on remand before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this morning with cruelty to chickens by crowding them in hampers. Mr. Gardiner appeared in defence, and, as there was no evidence to offer, the charge was withdrawn.

A Lucky Sweepstake Winner.

It is reported that General Commanding Officer Sum Mon-king, of Canton, who is on a visit to the Colony, purchased the ticket 127 in the cash sweep for the Exchange Plate, amounting to \$1,531.25. The holder did not discover that he was possessed of it until to-day.

Fortune for a Tin Miner.

Mr. W. Barnard, a Singapore tin miner, who has been on a holiday in the Colony, left the Carlton Hotel this morning by the P. and O. boat Namur, for Singapore, having been apprised that his grandfather, residing at Cheltenham, England, had bequeathed him a large legacy.

Stowaway Fined.

Lewis Jess Leader, who described himself as an American, was charged before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court this afternoon with being a stowaway on board the s.s. St. Albans. Defendant made a long, rambling statement in which he said he had deserted from the American Army, and was endeavouring to reach Shanghai. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$100, or two months' imprisonment.

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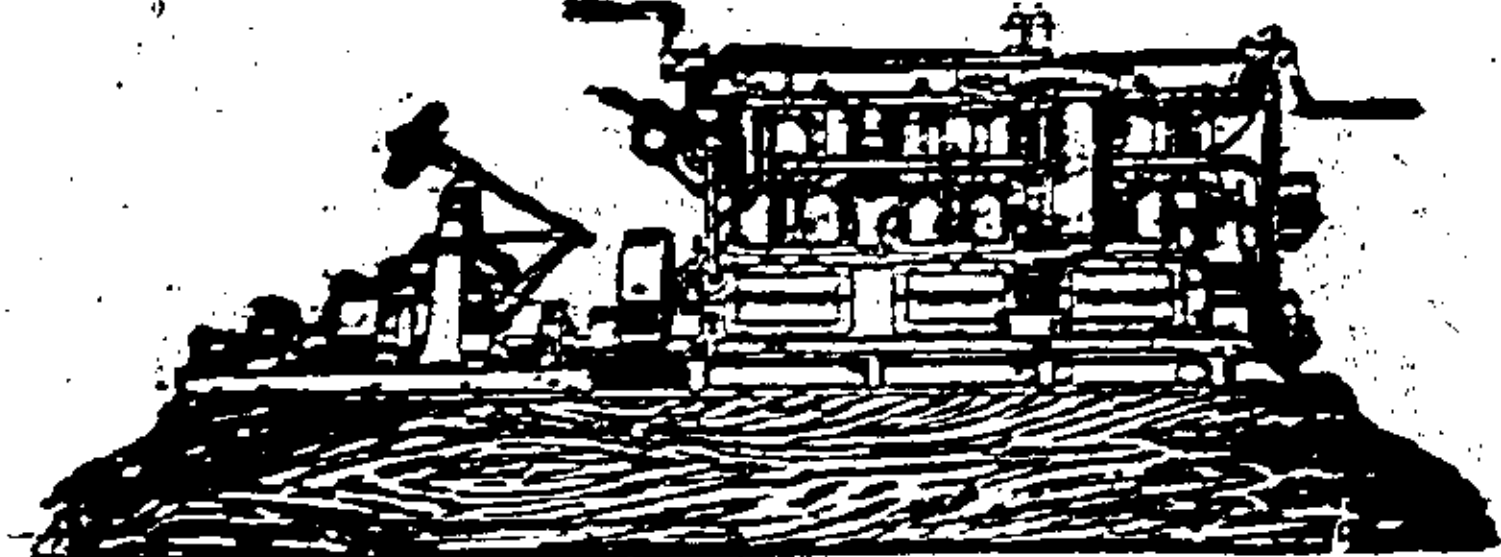
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Liverpool	Ping Suoy	B. & S.	24 Feb.
London	Gleastrae	S.T. & Co.	1 Mar.
London	Protasilaur	B. & S.	5 Mar.
London & Cape Town, via Ports	Kro M.	N.Y.K.	3 Mar.
London and Ports	Nankin	P. & O.	3 Mar.
Liverpool	Eumaeus	B. & S.	20 Mar.
London	Demodocus	B. & S.	23 Mar.
London via Ports	Nore	P. & O.	23 Mar.
London	Keebung	B. L. Ltd.	15 Apr.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA

San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Dairea M.	T. K. K.	25 Feb.
San Francisco via Manila	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	25 Feb.
New York via Cape	Egmont C.	D. & Co.	Feb.
Victoria, B.C. & Seattle	Tamba M.	N.Y.K.	7 Mar.
Seattle	Titan	B. & S.	9 Mar.
South American Ports	Anjo M.	T. K. K.	10 Mar.
San Francisco	Kapmoon	J.C.J. L.	13 Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	14 Mar.
Vancouver	E. of Russia	C. P. R.	23 Mar.
Seattle	Erion	B. & S.	23 Mar.
New York	Indrasamha	S. T. & Co.	Mar.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	C. P. R.	5 Apr.
San Francisco	Tirebang	J.C.J. L.	8 Apr.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	14 Apr.
Vancouver	E. of Asia	C. P. R.	20 Apr.
San Francisco via Manila	Persia M.	T. K. K.	21 Apr.
Seattle	Talkhythine	B. & S.	26 Apr.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan etc.	Tanyo M.	T. K. K.	3 May
San Francisco	Arakan	J.C.J. L.	12 May

AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports via Manila	Taiyuan	B. & S.	22 Feb.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Tango M.	N.Y.K.	14 Mar.
Australian Ports via Port Darwin St. Albans	G. L. Co.	G. L. Co.	15 Mar.
Australian Ports via Port Darwin Empire	G. L. Co.	G. L. Co.	8 Apr.
Sydney & Melbourne via Manila	Nikko M.	N.Y.K.	14 Apr.
Australian Ports via Manila	Changsha	B. & S.	17 Apr.
Australian via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	23 Apr.

SINGAPORE, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Miyazaki M.	N.Y.K.	24 Feb.
Singapore	Fulala	D. S. & Co.	24 Feb.
Batavia	Tijlarijap	J.C.J. L.	24 Feb.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	24 Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hachong	D. L. Co.	25 Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kitano M.	N.Y.K.	25 Feb.
Hai Phong	Taksang	J. M. Co.	25 Feb.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Novara	P. & O.	26 Feb.
Manila	Loongang	J. M. Co.	26 Feb.
Kobe and Moji	Kumsang	J. M. Co.	26 Feb.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Penang M.	N.Y.K.	27 Feb.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	27 Feb.
Singapore (eventually Penang)	V. Spilbergen	J.C.J. L.	28 Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Ceylon M.	N.Y.K.	28 Feb.
Bombay, etc.	Rangoon M.	N.Y.K.	28 Feb.
Tientsin	Kueichow	B. & S.	28 Feb.
Shanghai	Titarow	J.C.J. L.	29 Feb.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	29 Feb.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Fookang	J. M. Co.	29 Feb.
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Teau	B. & S.	29 Feb.
Calcutta etc.	Dea M.	N.Y.K.	4 Mar.
Kobe	Tiiliwong	J.C.J. L.	4 Mar.
Manila	Yuanang	J. M. Co.	4 Mar.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nikko M.	N.Y.K.	9 Mar.
Shanghai & Ports to Yokohama	Malta	P. & O.	11 Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Tenzer	B. & S.	12 Mar.
Manila	Erion	B. & S.	13 Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Ajar	B. & S.	14 Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Nelens	B. & S.	17 Mar.
Shanghai and Japan	Onela	B. & S.	17 Mar.
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Hongkong, 13th February, 1916

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via
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and SHANGHAI.

"NIPPON MARU."

The above named Steamer hav-
ing arrived, Consignees of cargo
are hereby notified to send in
their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.
Cargo remaining undelivered
on 23rd February at 5 p.m., will be
landed at Consignee's risk and
expense, and delivery must then
be taken from the Company's Go-
down. Storage charges will be
assessed on all Goods remaining
undelivered on 23rd February at
noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised
after the Goods have left the
Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo
will be landed into the Godown,
where they will be examined on
1st March at 10 a.m.

No Claim will be recognised
if filed after the 6th March, 1916.

K. DOI,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1916.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
and MANILA.

"DAIHEN MARU"

The above named Steamer hav-
ing arrived, Consignees of
cargo are hereby notified to send
in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature, and to take immediate
delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered
on the 23rd February, at 5 p.m.,
will be landed at Consignee's risk
and expense, and delivery must
then be taken from the Com-
pany's Godown. Storage charges
will be assessed on all
Goods remaining undelivered on
the 23rd February at Noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised
after the Goods have left the
steamer or Godown.

All chafed and otherwise dam-
aged cargo will be landed into
the Godown, where they will be
examined on the 1st March at
10 a.m.

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will be ready for delivery from
Godown on and after 19th Feb.

Optional cargo will be landed,
unless notice has been given prior
to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on any Tuesdays and
Fridays between the hours of 10.45
a.m. and noon.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the
23rd February will be subject to
rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 10th
March or they will not be recog-
nised.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1916.

VESSELS' DETAILED

Agents.	Vessel's Name.	Ton- nage.	Date Dua.	From.
P. & O.	Namor	6,701	Feb. 24	Yokohama
N.Y.K.	Kyano Maru	12,500	Feb. 24	Calcutta
N.Y.K.	Kitano Maru	16,000	Feb. 24	London
B. & S.	Knight Companion	9,900	Feb. 25	Shanghai
P. & O.	Novara	6,350	Feb. 26	London
N.Y.K.	Rangoon Maru	8,000	Feb. 26	Kobe
N.Y.K.	Tamba Maru	12,500	Feb. 27	Seattle
J.C.J. L.	Tiiliwong	18,500	Feb. 28	Malassar
T. K. K.	Anjo Maru	8,979	Mar. 1	Seattle
B. & S.	Titan	12,000	Mar. 2	Manila
N.Y.K.	Tosa Maru	12,000	Mar. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Yokohama Maru	10,221	Mar. 4	London
N.Y.K.	Shinyo Maru	5,833	Mar. 6	San Francisco
T. K. K.	Proteasine	9,547	Mar. 6	San Francisco
B. & S.	Bombay Maru	10,224	Mar. 6	Yokohama
N.Y.K.	Banten Maru	10,224	Mar. 6	Bombay
J.C.J. L.	Karimoon	10,224	Mar. 9	Galle
B. & S.	Erion	10,224	Mar. 9	Java
P. & O.	Nankin	5,833	Mar. 10	Seattle
P. & O.	Malta	5,064	Mar. 11	Yokohama
B. & S.	Tenzer	9,466	Mar. 11	London
N.Y.K.	Tango Maru	13,500	Mar. 11	Liverpool
B. & S.	Ajar	7,040	Mar. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Nore	6,703	Mar. 14	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Empire	6,685	Mar. 16	Australia
B. & S.	Nelens	6,685	Mar. 16	Liverpool
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	10,221	Mar. 21	San Francisco
B. & S.	Erion	10,221	Mar. 21	Manila
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,180	Mar. 24	London
P. & O.	Novara	6,350	Mar. 24	Yokohama
B. & S.	Orifa	9,015	Mar. 25	Liverpool
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	10,224	Apr. 6	Australia
B. & S.	Talkhythine	10,224	Apr. 6	Seattle
J.C.J. L.	Tiikombang	10,224	Apr. 7	Java
B. & S.	Changsha	10,224	Apr. 9	Australia
N.Y.K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Apr. 13	Australia
B. & S.	Talkhythine	10,224	Apr. 19	Manila
J.C.J. L.	Arakan	10,224	May 8	Java

MOVEMENT OF
STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. steamer ANJO MARU will
leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. steamer EMPRESS OF JAPAN
left Yokohama on Friday the 11th Feb. at
noon.

The C. P. R. steamer MONTAGUE arrived
Moji on Tuesday the 22nd Feb. and leaves
Moji on Tuesday the 22nd Feb. at 5 p.m.
due to arrive Kobe on Wednesday the 23rd
Feb. at 3 p.m.

The P. & O. steamer NOVARA left Singa-
pore for this Port on the 23rd inst. to be
replaced by the steamer with the outward English Mail,
and is due here on the 23rd inst. at about
4 p.m.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Outward Mail Steamer
MALWA with the London Mail of the
27th January last, left Suez on Sunday
evening the 6th instant.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail Steamer
ARABIA with the Hongkong Mail of the
14th January last, arrived at Marseilles
on Monday the 14th instant.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Telmachia, Br. ste. 1,350, A. Fraser, 8th
inst.—Saigon, 3rd inst. Rice—
Chinese.

Loongang, Br. ste. 1,350, Leach, 8th inst.
—Manila, 5th inst. Gen. J. M.
& Co.

Waishing, Br. ste. 1,170, Hickok, 17th
Feb.—Bangkok, 7th Feb. Gen.
J. M. & Co.

Fulala, Br. ste. 2,708, S. G. Cave, 18th
Feb.—Calcutta, 1st Feb. Gen.
J. M. & Co.

Foodro, Br. ste. 1,237, D. R. Davies,
17th Feb.—Saigon, 15th Feb.
Rice—B. & S.

Kum Sang, Br. ste. 2,077, F. White, 17th
Feb.—Singapore, 15th Feb. Gen.
J. M. & Co.

Australia, Br. ste. 3,011, F. R.
Clark, 17th Feb.—Perth, 7th Feb.
7th Oct. 1915, Railway—General
—B. L.

LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE BLOCKADE.

HOW WE ARE CRIPPLING GERMANY.

February 22, 11.45 p.m.

Lord Sydenham, in the House of Lords, moved a resolution urging the possible use of our Fleets for the purpose of more effectively preventing supplies reaching the enemy. With reference to the suggestion that the relations with neutrals might be endangered, he said he believed it was only necessary for the Allies to take a firm stand.

Lord Charles Beresford supported the resolution. Lord Lansdowne said the problem was not so simple as it appeared, for, unless they were most carefully examined, statistics might be most misleading. The filtration of goods to the enemy through neutrals was far from increasing: it was markedly diminishing. As a result of the Government's measures, practically no commodities of military importance were now imported to neutrals above their own legitimate requirements.

Lord Lansdowne gave striking figures showing the progressive diminution of important imports in the case of Holland and Scandinavia during the latter half of 1915. Thus, of the exports of oil from Holland to Germany in 1915, 83 per cent was chargeable to the first six months and 17 per cent to the last half of the year. The figures for November and December together were only one per cent. Thus this particular business had almost vanished. The figures in regard to oil-seeds were similar. He did not wish to imply that there was no danger of reappearance or leakage; he feared it would never be possible to hermetically seal all channels. The greatest difficulty, he said, arose from the obligation to deal fairly and considerably with neutrals, but it would be the height of folly deliberately to start outcasting neutral opinion at such a time.

A complete blockade, said Lord Lansdowne, would mean a blockade of neutral ports, and this would raise grave legal difficulties, including the question of proof of the enemy destination of the goods. The present system, if not perfect, had killed German exports and had crippled her imports, some of the most important of which, including cotton, wool and rubber, had ceased altogether. Our pressure was increasing monthly, and he only wished that the people here could have a fortnight's experience of the conditions in Germany. That would put an end to the talk of Government sapinence.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

VIOLENT BATTLE NORTH OF VERDUN.

February 22, 5.35 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that a violent battle to the north of Verdun forms a feature of a communique, which adds:—The German bombardment continued all night long. We vigorously replied.

Violent infantry fighting is proceeding along a front fifteen kilometres from the right bank of the Meuse. To the south-east of Herbe Boie we evacuated the village of Hamont, of which we now hold the outskirts, after a desperate engagement in which we inflicted very heavy losses on the enemy.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK.

February 23, 6.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rotterdam states that the British steamer Omsal has arrived there with the Second Engineer and a sailor from the Dutch steamer La Flandre, which has been sunk.

STRANDED BRITISH SUBMARINE.

REFLOATED AND TOWED TO NIEUWEDIJEP.

February 23, 1.00 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says that a British submarine, recently stranded off Schifmonnikoog, has been refloated and towed to Nieuwediep.

THE BANDON.

EAST ASIATIC STEAMER RELEASED AFTER CAPTURE.

February 23, 1.00 p.m.

A Copenhagen telegram states that the East Asiatic Company's steamer Bandon, which had been seized by a German trawler, has been released.

MUNITION-MAKING.

OUR SAILORS' SPARE-TIME WORK.

February 23, 12.45 a.m.

Mr. Lloyd George, in a letter to Admiral Beatty warmly thanking the fleet for the splendid work of the officers and men in making munitions for the Army, said that the output was already of most striking value. Their work was enhanced because it was done in their spare time, on their own initiative and because they did not receive any remuneration.

Casualties announced show that five naval aviators have been killed and drowned, including the well known fliers Commander Neville Osborne and Lieut.-Commander De Courcy Ireland, who were killed.

SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Cantons	b.	\$420.00.
Indos (Comb.)	b.	\$185.00.
Indos (Prof.)	b.	\$50.00.
Docks (Old)	a.	\$65.50.
Docks (New)	a.	\$91.50.
Kowloon	x d.	\$37.75.
Lands		

A DEAL IN MOLASSES.

Alleged Breach of Contract.

The adjourned case was heard by Mr. Justice Gompertz, in the Summary Court this morning, of the claim by the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, against the Goh Guan Hin Firm, of No. 64, Bonham Strand West, commission agents, for the sum of \$468.95, as damages for breach of contract dated April 10, 1915, by reason of defendants' refusal to accept delivery on October 5, 1915, of 8,095 cases of molasses.

Mr. A. M. Preston appeared for the plaintiffs, and defendants were represented by Mr. W. B. Hind.

The facts as disclosed at the previous hearing are that by a contract in writing dated April 10, 1915, the defendants purchased and agreed to accept from plaintiffs 20,000 cases of liquid molasses from Pecalongan, June, July, and August shipment, at the price of \$1.60 per picul c.i.f. Hongkong, subject to a discount of 1½ per cent, payment to be made on the arrival of the steamer and to be calculated on the landing weight ex ship with an allowance of 5 lbs. tare per case of two tins. The plaintiffs accordingly, on or about August 27, 1915, delivered 7,431 cases of liquid molasses, to the defendants who accepted and paid for same, the plaintiffs were ready and willing to deliver to the defendants, at Hongkong a further 8,095 cases shipped from Pecalongan in accordance with the contract, but the defendants refused to accept or pay for the goods. The plaintiffs, in consequence, lost the benefit on the contract in respect of the 8,095 cases and were obliged to sell at a lower price, viz. \$1.52 per picul, subject to a discount of 1½ per cent.

Mr. Hind—I have subpoenaed a Chinese sugar merchant who would speak as to the price of sugar at that date. My witness has not arrived yet.

His Lordship—Why cannot you have your witnesses ready, Mr. Hind? This is the second day.

Mr. Hind—I think he must have forgotten the date and I have sent for him.

Mr. G. A. Pentreath, who described himself as a sugar broker, said he was instructed to sell the molasses on behalf of the Netherlands Bank. The molasses were packed in tins, and the way they were packed did not make any difference as to the price which could be obtained.

His Lordship said he would give judgment for the plaintiffs with costs, and \$35 would be awarded on the counter-claim.

CHINESE EDITOR CHARGED.

Defendant Committed for Trial.

The editor of the Chinese newspaper the Yen Cheung Po, who stands charged with publishing matter likely to excite disorder and unrest in China was again before Mr. J. B. Wood this morning. Mr. G. N. Orme again appeared to prosecute and Mr. J. H. Gardiner defended.

His Worship intimated that he had looked through the facts since the first hearing and he was now satisfied that the accused was the publisher of the paper.

Mr. Orme called further evidence to prove that the paper purchased was issued from the premises of the newspaper.

Mr. Gardiner reserve his defence and his Worship committed the accused to the April sessions.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

A Matter for Discussion in Chambers.

In the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, a case was heard in which Tong Lin, 140, Bonham Strand West, claimed \$500, being money deposited by him with defendants, the Tsung Yuen Firm and Cheung Ying Sang, 90, Jarvis Street, under agreement dated November 17, 1914. Plaintiff also claimed \$150 from the latter defendants, on a note of acknowledgement dated December 4, 1914.

Mr. Mason appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Goldring represented the defendants.

Mr. Mason said that there had been some misapprehension between Mr. Goldring and himself as to what the law was on the case, and they had found and discovered, with the aid of the American Vice-Consul, that there were four classes who had to report themselves to the Consulate before proceeding to America, but it was only the people who had turned American citizens, and people who were returning to America having already obtained a domicile, who did not first visit the Consulate, but who were examined by the American Immigration Authorities when they reached America.

Mr. Justice Gompertz said that if the American Vice-Consul did not care to come into Court it might be arranged for them to have a round-table conference in Chambers, when the matter could be fully discussed.

Mr. Mason said that he did not think the American Vice-Consul would care to come into Court.

Mr. Goldring—And I do not think there is any power to subpoena him.

His Lordship—I am sure I do not know.

It was eventually agreed that the American Vice-Consul should be asked if he would consent to partake in a discussion on the question in Chambers.

AT THE RACES.

Chinese Girls Charged with Stealing Money.

Two Chinese girls were brought before Mr. Hazeldan this morning on several charges of stealing and being in possession of money, the property of the United Standard, at Happy Valley. One was charged with stealing \$1 from the till, attempting to steal money, and also with stealing a pocket book valued \$1.20. The other girl was charged with being in possession of \$8.70, suspected of having been stolen.

Evidence was given by an attendant, who was working in the stand. He stated that he saw two hands pushed through the matting by the till. He seized them and one of the defendants was arrested.

Both defendants were convicted, and Inspector Sim stated that both were known to the police and had been previously convicted. They were employed by a woman in Queen's Road, and the house they lived at was a very doubtful one.

His Worship remanded the case to see if the woman referred to, who cannot be found at present, could be discovered.

OPIUM ON THE LOONGSANG.

Considerable Seizure at Manila.

After an all day search of the s.s. Loongsang by Manila Customs officers, eighty tins of opium having an estimated valuation of \$18,000, were found last Friday.

The tins were stowed away in the coal bunkers near the boilers, under the bows of the steamer, in the bilges under the bunkers, some even being found under water.

Among the Chinese of the crew accused and arrested thus far are the No. 1 fireman and one of the coal passers.

The tins are longer than the average size, and the opium is of a special grade, known as the "Rooster" brand by its label.

A WONDERFUL FILM.

Shortly to be Shown in Hongkong.

On March 6, 7 and 8 next, Hongkong will have an opportunity of witnessing a wonderful picture film, entitled "The Nigger, or the New Governor," by that famous cinema artist, Mr. William Farnum. This film which is to be shown at the Victoria Theatre, has had a great run of success at the Shaftesbury Picture Palace in London, and it may be mentioned picture world.

The photo-play for that is what it is—deals with the liquor and race problems in America in 1848, and how wonderful a production it is, may be gathered from the fact that the London Morning Post said of it:—"A remarkable portrayal of early American life in slavery days, executed with rare realism by Mr. William Farnum, an actor of wonderful emotion." The New York Journal said of the picture:—"Will thrill and melt the heart of the most unsympathetic."

The arrangements made for securing this picture mean the introduction to South China of the first of a series of famous photo-plays by renowned performers, and, if the patronage justifies the expense, further pictures will be shown in the near future in which the following famous artists will appear:—Madame Sarah Bernhardt, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Herbert Kelcey, Leslie Carter, Nat Goodwin, John Barrymore, Joseph Jefferson and many others.

MESSRS. SETNA'S REPORT.

Messrs. S. D. Setna & Co., in their report dated February 23, state:—

Cotton.—Market ruled steady. Sales are reported of about 450 packages at \$27 to 29 (per picul). Unsold stock is estimated at about 2,000 packages. Closing quotations:—\$27 to \$30 (per picul).

Indian Yarn:—We have nothing fresh to report. Market ruled steady. Sales are reported of about 2,950 bales, comprising about 1,650 bales of No. 10s, 550 bales of No. 12s, 200 bales of No. 16s, and 550 bales of No. 20s. Unsold stock is estimated at about 39,000 bales. Sold but uncleaned stock is estimated at about 20,000 bales.

Sundry Articles:—In imports sales are reported in Angkor at \$22 to 24 (per picul), apricots at \$30 to 35 (per picul), bellum at \$16 (per picul), Bhesabole at \$8 to 11 (per picul), Borneal at \$700 (per picul), Halibors at \$24 (per picul), Kiamis at \$23 to 31 (per picul), myrambolams at \$4 (per picul), putchuck at \$145 to 150 (per picul), Bezoor at \$250 (per picul), and aventine stone at \$7 to 9 (per picul). In exports purchases are reported in cassia at \$16½ (per picul), Green beans at \$4 (per picul), galangal at \$3½ (per picul), turmeric at \$10 to 11 (per picul), cardamum seeds at \$38 to 40 (per picul), fire Crackers (Lavangia) at \$10½ (per case), and preserves at \$4½ to 6½ (per box of six jars).

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V. D., state:—

Parades. Parades for Friday, 25th instant, 5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sections Art. Batty. (as detailed in Corps Order No. 4 dated 30.12.15)—10 pdr. gun drill at Headquarters. Sergt. Bradley R. G. A. will attend.

Remainder, Nil. Parades for next week. The same as for week ending 19th inst., except Scouts Company, all Sections of which will parade on Tuesday, 29th instant.

Musketry. Sunday, 27th instant at 2.30 p.m. at King's Park Range No. 1 Section, Scouts Company, Trained Men (only), Part II.

Detail. On duty to-night Scouts Company.

Orderly Officer until to-morrow morning Lieut. Preston.

Next for duty H.K.V.K.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve) state:—

Inter-Platoon Drill Camp. Platoons will drill under their Commander as follows:—

Com. Platoon Company toon { 2 1 and 2 28th

Monday February 28th 2 3 and 4 28th

Tuesday February 29th 2 3 and 4 28th

Wednesday March 1st 2 3 and 4 28th

Thursday March 2nd 2 3 and 4 28th

Friday March 3rd 2 3 and 4 28th

Fall in at Central at 5.30 sharp, except No. 2 Platoon of No. 2 Company, which will fall in at St. Joseph's College. No. 2 Platoon of No. 1 Company will parade at Water Police Station.

Teams of 1 N.C.O. and not less than 10 complete files will be selected by the Platoon Commander. Winners will wear single silver stripe on left sleeve.

Mounted Police. Members wishing to transfer to the Mounted Police will meet the D.S.P. at his office on Friday, February 25th, at 6.00 p.m. to discuss the question of expenses of keep, &c.

Musketry. All ranks who have passed Part I and have not fired Ranges A to D in Part II will leave Blake Pier at 9.00 a.m. on Sunday, February 27th. Company Commanders will be held strictly responsible for seeing that these men fire.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R. N., at the Marine Court this morning, Acting Police Sergeant A. E. Wilson charged Fan Kam-yun, master of the steam launch Lee Tat, Cheung Toy, master of the steam launch Kwong Tung-on, and Leung Hin-tai, master of the steam launch Hop-Hing, with unlawfully failing to ease the engines of their launches to "dead slow," a speed not exceeding 3 knots, when passing through the entrance of the Yau-mai Typhoon Refuge on the 16th inst. A fine of \$10 each was imposed.

Lance Sergeant W. Bond charged three boatpeople with unlawfully using drags within the Harbour limits for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed thereof on the 23rd inst. Defendants were fined \$5 each.

Lance Sergeant Sutton charged Kwon Ho, boatwoman, with unlawfully moving about the Harbour during prohibited hours on the 22nd inst. A fine of \$5 was imposed. Ko Mai, boatmistress, who was charged with the same offence on the 23rd inst., was fined \$2.

P. C. George Dyke charged Chan Mai, boatmistress, with unlawfully using drags within the Harbour limits, and with unlawfully throwing rubbish into the Harbour on the 23rd inst. Defendant was fined \$3 for the first offence and \$2 for the other.

Mota Singh, watchman of the Tung Wo Wharf, charged Chung Tse, boatmistress, with unlawfully lying alongside the above wharf without the permission of the owners thereof on the 8th inst. Defendant was fined \$5.

OPIUM DIVAN.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, Mr. E. J. Grist defended 40 Chinese charged with frequenting an opium divan in a house at 22, Aberdeen Street.

A constable stated that he gave an informer some marked money and later the police went down and found all the men, who were arrested and taken to the Police Station.

Mr. Grist said he would call evidence to show that the first defendant did not keep the house as an opium divan.

A Chinese bricklayer said he had a cubicle at the house, and when the police came, they searched a drawer first, and afterwards searched him.

His Worship said defendants would all be convicted, the first being fined \$100, and the next \$3 each.

DAY BY DAY.

Left for Home. Mr. A. H. Hollingsworth, of the P.W.D., left for Home by the Hitachi Maru to-day.

Annual Dinner. The Inspectors of the Sanitary Department are holding their annual dinner at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday next.

Tyram Tuk Reservoir. A diagram of the low level dam under construction at Tyram Tuk, showing the progress to December 31, 1915, was laid on the table at the Legislative Council this afternoon.

Kailan Output. The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 12, 1916, amounted to 24,749 tons and the sale during the period to 34,253 tons.

Pickpockets at the Races. For stealing from the person of another at Happy Valley yesterday a cigarette case, a Chinese was sentenced to one month's hard labour and four strokes by Mr. Hazeldan at the Police Court this morning. Inspector Sim said there were a lot of pick-pocket cases reported.

Dance. There was a very large and enthusiastic attendance at the Hongkong Hotel last night, when the last of the three Cinderella dances arranged for Race Week was held. Special menus were served, and later dancing commenced and was kept up till a late hour. A thoroughly enjoyable time was spent by all.

The A.D.C. Booking for "The Angel in the House," the comedy which the A.D.C. are producing on March 4 and 6 in aid of the Blue Cross Fund, opens to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock at Moutrie's. As no seats, other than the customary official ones, have been previously allotted, those booking early will have the pick of the best seats. The prices are \$4, \$3, and \$1.

Bijou Theatre. An interesting exhibition of "trick" music was given by Mr. Williams and Miss Mignon at the Bijou Theatre last night. Their performance included a polka played on flower-pots, a march played on champagne bottles, two violin solos ("My Little Persian Rose" and the Bach-Gounod "Ave Maria") together with a really excellent rendering of "The Broken Melody" and an air from "La Traviata" on a somewhat unconventional cello. We understand that Mr. Williams and Miss Mignon are performing again to-night and to-morrow. The Bijou pictures are particularly good this week, the two main features being a cinematograph version of Roeland's "Oryan," and a delightful comedy entitled "The Millionaire's Son."

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT

CONSULAR REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

The attention of American citizens and the representatives of American institutions and concerns is called to the fact that the Department of State's regulations contemplate that all American citizens, institutions, and corporations shall be registered annually with the consul in whose district they live or operate. The object of this registration is to facilitate the protection of American citizens, institutions, and corporations on the part of the agents of the Government.

Those who, knowing the regulations, nevertheless fail to register and maintain such registration may reasonably be presumed not to be entitled to register and not to be entitled to the American Government's protection.

American citizens, institutions, and concerns located in Hongkong are expected to register at the Consulate-General in Hongkong and to maintain such registration without notice from this office.

GEORGE E. ANDERSON, Consul General, Hongkong, 24th February, 1916.

WANTED.

WANTED—EUROPEAN SHOP in good centre. Monthly rental \$200 to \$300. Lease, if necessary. Apply to New York Hongkong Telegraph.

COMMERCIAL.

N. Y. Sugar Quotation.

Manila, February 16.—A cablegram to the Secretary of Public Instruction from the Bureau of Insular Affairs in Washington gives the New York market quotation on 96 degree centrifugal sugar at the close of business last Friday afternoon as \$1.83 per 100 English pounds, this being the same quotation as that recorded one week previous.—Manila Bulletin.

Shanghai Coal.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s Coal market report (Shanghai, 17th February), says:—Japan Coal.—Since last writing about a month ago the market in Japan has advanced very rapidly owing to the greatly increased activity which has taken place in the several industries in Japan, both on land and sea and the freight market having gone up so phenomenally (at present ship owners are holding out for yen 3.00 a ton from Japan to this) prices have advanced to such an extent as to make business next to impossible. In Shanghai there has been no actual business done recently on account of the Chinese New Year holidays, but the market remains very active and prices are firm. Fushan Coal.—Very short supplies. Kailan Coal.—Deliveries are being maintained under contract which monopolises all available tonnage. Any prospective buyers will be forced to pay a big advance on recent prices and the figures quoted below are quite nominal.

America and Foreign Held Securities.

The pressure on the New York market of sales of American securities for foreign account is lighter. The lessening of pressure should be more pronounced next week and the week thereafter. For the sake of meeting year-end requirements and of making as good a showing as possible, the London joint stock banks sold in this market American stock vigorously. Such work has met their best expectation, their needs are satisfied, and selling now is materially lighter than the \$1,000,000 which the New York market has had to absorb daily. In addition to the \$4,000,000 daily, previously sold for English account, there was selling in this market for account of Holland. That too, has been checked owing to the difficulty of gold shipments to Holland. A banker of international prominence says: "Sale in this market of American securities for foreign account in January will be much less than they were in December or November. It is too early to predict what will happen in February or March, but I would not be surprised to see selling pressure abandoned for two months."

Home Commercial and Produce Markets.

London, Jan. 18.—The Bank rate remains unchanged at 5 per cent. The Open market rate for short loans is 4½ per cent, and discount of four months' Bank bills ½ to 5½ per cent. The tone of the Silver market has been good, and bars are quoted at 20½ p. oz. The Rubber Share Market has experienced some reaction, assisted by profit taking, but on the whole prices have only receded to a slight degree, and the tone is steadier at the close. On the Stock Exchange Indo-China deferred on 14th inst. rose to 12½, but reacted on 15th inst. to 12. The China Tea market has been firmer, and a fair amount of business has been transacted. In Office there is a fair business passing at steady prices. There has been a good demand for Sugar at full rates. Peppers are quiet, but firm. Rice continues to be firmly held. Manila Hemp has ruled strong and prices have further advanced. Plantation Rubber has shown some irregularity, and prices have declined. Standard No. 1 Crepe being now 3s. 4½d. per lb. and Smoked Sheet 3s. 4½d. per lb. Fine Hard Para is 3s. 8d. per lb. Straits Tin is \$173 15s. to \$174 5s. for cash, and \$174 15s. to \$175 5s. for three months.

For a good solid meal a la Omelette or Table d'Hôte with Wines & Liquors of the Best ALEXANDRA CAFE.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

To-day's Closing Prices	STOCK	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914		1915		Last Dividend and Date
					Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	
					14th May	14th May	14th May	14th May	
					to now	to now	to now	to now	
ex div. \$795	Banks.								
471/10-	H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	855	July	700	Oct. 845	div. 790 c. div. {22 3/4 at 5% bonus equal to \$25.64 for 1/2 year 31/12/15
	Marine Insurance.								
420	Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	425 360 {Final of \$4 a/c 1913. Interim of \$18 a/c 1914.
1180	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	25	145	May	133	Jan.	180 160 {Final of 12 1/2 p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914
375	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	12,400	\$250	100	847 1/2	April	700	Oct.	497 1/2 \$855 {Final of \$20 and bonus of \$5 making \$25 for 1913 and Interim of \$30 for 1914
245	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	210	April	192 1/2	Jan.	270 225 {Final of \$15 mak. \$18 for 1913 & Int. of \$3 for 1914
	Fire Insurance.								
161	China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	160	July	140	Oct.	162 130 \$9 for 1913
410	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	50	395	Feb.	358	April	420 385 \$27 for 1913
	Shipping.								
126	Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	36	Mar.	27 1/2	Nov.	126 45 \$4 for year ending 30.6.15
19	H'kong S. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	29 1/2	Jan.	22	Dec.	23 19 {Final of \$1.00 for year ending 31.12.15
186	Indo-China (Combined)	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	188 96 {6 p.c. on p. & 3 p.c. on d. a. for year 1914. a/c quoted ex 9 p.c. div. in H.K. from 29.12.15. an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined a/c paid in London 21.12.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.15
136	Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	\$5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	188 96 {Interim of 2 1/2 (Coupon No 25) making 7 1/2 for 1915
50	Shell T'port & Ting Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	\$1	all	106 1/2	Feb.	70 1/2	Sept.	97 1/2 x div. 82 1/2 x div. {Interim of 2 1/2 (Coupon No 25) making 7 1/2 for 1915
39	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	40 32 {150 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
	Refineries.								
140	China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	96 1/2	Feb.	70	Nov.	140 111 \$3 for 1912
39	Luzon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	46 27 1/2 \$3 for 1897
	Mining.								
30 1/2	Kailan Mining Admin'n.	1,000,000	\$1	all	41 1/2	Feb.	33 1/2	Dec.	33 1/2 30 1/2 {Interim of 1 1/2 account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
330	Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	500,000	\$1	all	310	Jan.	190	Nov.	4 3 1/2 1/2 for 1909
27 1/2	Tromch Mines Ltd.	160,000	\$1	all	39 1/2	Feb.	19 1/2	Nov.	32 1/2 25 1/2 1/2 interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
35 1/2	Ural Caspians	796,666	\$1	all	56 1/2	Feb.	21 1/2	Nov.	41 37 1/2 1 1/2 interim 1915
	Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.								
75	H'kong & R.W. & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	81 1/2 68 \$3.50 for year 1914
old 495 1/2	H.K. & W.D. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	97 1/2 57 \$3 dividend for year 1914
59 1/2	Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	35,700	\$100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	65 1/2 49 ex div. Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
90	Shai & H'fiew W. Co., Ltd.	38,000	\$100	all	109	Jan.	82 1/2	Dec.	93 1/2 80 Tls. 5 for 1914
	Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
94	Anglo French Lands	13,000	\$100	100	128	July	120	Dec.	116 94 Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 29.2.14
112 1/2	H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	116 108 {22.50 for half year ending 31.12.15
102	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100	all	117 1/2	July	98	Nov.	111 x div. 108 \$3 for year ending 31.12.15
62 1/2	Hyphreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	94 1/2	Jan.	77	Nov.	7 1/2 6.10 35 cents for year 1915
62 1/2	K'loon Land & B'ing Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	20	45 1/2	Jan.	44	Feb.	40 40 \$2 1/2 for 1915
107	Shanghai Lands	78,000	\$50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	106 101 {Dividend of 6 p.c. for 1 year ending 30.6.15
87	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	86 70 \$2.25 for half year ending 31.12.15
96	H'kong Central Estates	10,000	\$100	all	103	June	66	Feb.	86 100 \$7.00 for year ending 31.12.15
	Cotton Mills.								
140	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	138	July	125	May	180 135 Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
13	Sung Yik	75,000	\$10	all	14 1/2	Jan.	11	Mar.	17 13 1/2 Tls. 1.50 for year ending 30.11.15
71	Laon Kung Mow	8,000	\$100	all	110	Feb.	70	May	89 80 Tls. 12 for 1913
91	Shanghai Cottons	40,000	\$50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	105 90 {Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.6.15
	Miscellaneous.								
10 1/2	China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$12	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10 10 85 cents for 1914
10 1/2	China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	490	July	4	April	4 1/2 4 1/2 6% for year ending 28.2.06
10	Do. (Spec. Shares)	50,000	\$5	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10 8.00 70 cts. for 1914
29	Dairy Farm Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$7 1/2	5	39	June	35	Aug.	34 31 \$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
10 1/2	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	690	Jan.	5	Dec.	11 6.70 50 cts. for 1914
43 1/2	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45 39 \$2.00 per share for 1914
180	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,500	\$25	all	217 1/2	July	174	Dec.	190 184 Interim of \$2 account 1915
32	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	4 1/2 25 Interim \$1 for 1 year ending 30.6.15
620	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$7 1/2	all	13 1/2	July	7 1/2	Feb.	6 1/2 4.80 \$10 % for 1914
38 1/2	Langkate	250,000	\$20	all	64 1/2	Mar.	28	Dec.	42 36 1/2 {Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913
10	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2	Jan.	8 1/2	June	10 9 70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
85 cts.	Do (New)	50,000	\$10	all	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec.	81 80 cts. \$1.50 for 1910.
4	Philippines Ltd.	75,000	\$10	all	—	—	—	—	— 4 4 None
5	S. Price & Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$10	10	—	—	—	—	— 5 5 \$1.50 for 1910.
20	Societe des Pulpes et Papierieres du Tonkin	13,200	\$50	all	—	—	—	—	— 20 20 None
34 1/2	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	3 1/2 3.00 25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15
15 1/2	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$10	all	22 1/2	Feb.	17	Jan.	18 16 \$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1915
6 1/2	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	8 1/2	April	6.90	Dec.	6.90 x div. 6 1/2 x div. 60 cts. for 1914
5 1/2	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	9 1/2	Jan.	6 1/2	Dec.	7 5 1/2 50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
29	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	30	June	92	Dec.	29 29 \$1.50 for 1914

WRIGHT & HORNBY.

Share and General Brokers

6, Des Voeux Road Central, Tel. address, Rectitude.

CORRECTED TO MON. FEB. 24 1916.
ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS."
THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE.

Feb. 24th.

SELLING.

T/T Marks 1/11 3/16
Demand 1/11 1/4
30 d/s 1/11 5/16
60 d/s 1/11 7/16
4 m/s 1/11 1/2
T/T Shanghai 73 1/2
T/T Singapore 83 1/2
T/T Japan 91 3/4
T/T India 142 3/4
Demand India 144
T/T San P'co & N.Y. 46
T/T Java 107 1/4

BUYING.

4 m/s L/C 1/11 15/16
4 m/s D/P 2 1/16
6 m/s L/C 2 1/16
30 d/s Sney & M. 2 3/16
30 d/s San P'co & N.Y. 47 1/2
4 m/s Marks 201
4 m/s France 231
6 m/s France 236

Demand Germany
Demand, New York 45 1/2
T/T Bombay
Demand Bombay 144
T/T Calcutta
Demand Calcutta 144
Demand Manila 92 1/2
Demand Singapore 83 1/4
On Haiphong 3 1/4 prem.
On Saigon 3
On Bangkok 79 3/4

Sovereign \$10.25
Gold Leaf per oz. \$57.60
Bar Silver per oz. 27 1/16
Subsidiary Coins.
Discount per \$100:
Chinese 20 cts. pieces 13 3/4%
Chinese 10 16 1/2%
Hongkong 20 cts. pieces 8 3/4%
Hongkong 10 8 3/4%

BANKS.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum

For 6 Months 4% per annum

For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum

LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

NOTICES

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up \$1,250,000)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, etc. Goods received on Storage. Advances made on Mercantile. Loans made on the Provident System. (Rates and Particulars on application.)

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

NOTICE

PEAK TRAMWAY CO LIMITED.

TIMETABLE.

WEEK DAYS
From 6.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 Min.
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY,

the 25th February 1916 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 10, Stewart Terrace, The Peak.

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

And

1 Cottage piano by Rose & Kratz.

Full particulars from catalogue on view from Thursday the 24th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1916.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the liquidators of Messrs. Wm. Meyer & Co. to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY,

the 25th February, 1916 commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 1 Des Voeux Road Central (Princes Building).

A Large Quantity of Office Furniture

comprising—

Teak showcases, bookcases, cupboards, desks and tables,

chairs, electric ceiling and desk fans, electric fittings, platform scales.

Also

4 Smith Premier Typewriters.

1 Drilling machine.

1 Small Steel Fireproof Safe.

On view from Thursday the 24th inst.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1916.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 25th February, 1916 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 21st February, 1916 until FRIDAY the 25th February, 1916, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1916.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December, 1915, at the rate of Two Pounds Three Shillings Sterling, together with a Bonus of five shillings Sterling per share, is payable on and after MONDAY the 21st day of February, Current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors.

N. J. STARR,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1916.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Undersigned on SATURDAY, 19th inst.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Undersigned. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them, and the holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1916.

NOTICE.

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL, KOWLOON.

School Work will RE-COMMENCE on Monday, February 28, at 9 a.m.

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPH.

FLOOD PICTURES

of

CANTON, SHAMEEN, WEST RIVER

AND

VARIOUS DISTRICTS

NOW ON SALE

Hongkong, 18th July, 1913.

North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.

in which are vested the shares of THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1914

1-Authorized Capital—£5,000,000

Subscribed Capital—£500,000

Paid-up Capital—£2,437,500

II—Fire Funds—£3,837,047

III—Life and Annuity Funds—£1,267,590

Sinking Fund Account—£129,253

£5,370,367

Revenue Fire Branch—£238,556

Life and Annuity—£2,141,933

Marine Department—£37,233

Other Receipts—£478,940

£5,339,239

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested and by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's business.

POST OFFICE.

Books and Magazines for the Troops in Egypt.

The Postmaster-General of Hongkong has prepared to receive from residents in the Colony and at the Treaty Ports in China, where there are British Post Office Agencies, Books and Magazines for the use of the Troops in Egypt. These should be made up in packets labeled "LITERATURE FOR TROOPS, EGYPT," and handed in at the counters of the Post Offices in the Colony and at the Ports. They will be forwarded free of postage to the Egyptian Post Office for disposal.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Manchuria and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agular Radio Telegraph Station—None.

MAILS DUE.

Europe (London 25th Jan. via Siberia).

Yingchow, 25th Feb.

Europe (French Mail), Amazona, 25th Feb.

Shanghai, Sinking, 30th Feb.

Europe (English Mail), Novara, 28th Feb.

Shanghai, Atlantic, 5th March.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Shanghai, N. China (Japan via Moji)—Per ST. ALBANS, 24th Feb. 4 p.m.

Japan via Moji, Honoluli, Canada, North and South America via San Francisco—Per DAHERY MARU, 24th Feb. 4 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per WAKAMA-TSU, 24th Feb. 4 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per GLENSIDE, 24th Feb. 5 p.m.

Wohaiwai and Choochoo—Per GEHILL, 24th Feb. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Saigon—Per DEVAWONGSE, 25th Feb. 7 a.m.

Holhow and Hapong—Per TAKSANG, 25th Feb. 7 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per MIYASAKI, 25th Feb. 7 a.m.

Hongkong—Per NICHIREN, 25th Feb. 8 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe—Per KITANO MARU, 25th Feb. 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per PROMETHEUS, 25th Feb. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per AMALONE, 25th Feb. 10 a.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 28th Feb.)

Swatow, Balaian & Deli—Per S. JACOB, 25th Feb. 11 a.m.

Hankow—Per YUNYAN, 25th Feb. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Poochow—Per HAI-CHING, 25th Feb. 1 p.m.

Saigon—Per PAUSANG, 25th Feb. 1 p.m.

Saigon—Per NINGPO, 25th Feb. 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 26th Feb.

Straits—Per FULTALA, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.

Japan via Moji—Per RIJUN MARU, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per LUCROW, 26th Feb. 5 p.m.

(Shanghai Br. P.O. Wed. 1st March.)

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed

Findon Haddock, Kippers &c.

ALEXANDRA CAFE.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Pakhoi, Br. ss. 1327, A. Tuchen, 23rd Feb.—Choochoo and Wohaiwai 15th Feb. General—R. & S.

Hinachi Maru, Jap. ss. 4051, S. Tominga, 23rd Feb.—Yokohama, 20th Feb. Gen.—N. Y. K.

Glenstrae, Br. ss. 1154, G. Roger, 23rd Feb.—London and Singapore, 17th Feb. Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Yei Maru, Jap. ss. 1332, K. Matsumoto, 23rd Feb.—C. W. Tien, 16th Feb. Coal—Doonell & Co.

Daji M. Jap. ss. 825, Konishi, 23rd Feb.—Swatow, 22nd Feb. Gen.—R. & S.

Chidder, Nor. ss. 1142, Nils Thorsen, 23rd Feb.—Saigon, 18th February Rice—T. & Co.

Kanchow, Br. ss. 1222, Ross Lewis, 23rd Feb.—Bangkok, 15th Feb. Rice and Timber—R. & S.

Lonchow, Br. ss. 1231, Gibbs, 23rd Feb.—Shanghai, 20th Feb. Gen.—R. & S.

DEPARTED.

Feb. 23.

Oleg for Holhow

Kirin Maru for Bombay via Spore

Yei Maru for Spore

Nippon Maru for Mike

Hsin Chang for Canton

Wakamatsu for Nagasaki

Pakhoi for Hongkong

Namur for Bombay via Spore

Gemini for Hongkong

Yei Maru for Canton

Haiman for Foochow via Swatow

Hupoh for Singapore via Swatow

Hinachi Maru for London via Singapore

Thalys for Batavia via Bunka and Bittou

St. Albans for Kobe via Shanghai

Takam for Haiphong via Holhow

Prometheus for Bangkok

Hong Bee for Singapore via Amoy

Yei Maru for Canton

Yokohama for Shanghai

Sinking for Shanghai

SUNDAY, 27th Feb.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui—DAIJI MARU, 27th Feb. 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 28th Feb.

Tientsin—Per KUCHOW, 28th Feb. 11 a.m.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin, and New Guinea, via Thursday Is.—Per TAIYUAN, 28th Feb. 11 a.m.

Straits—Per VAN SPILBERGEN, 28th Feb. 11 a.m.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Feb. 1916.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 24th at 11.15—The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. The Indo-China depression has deepened slightly, and the depression which was to the West of the Bonins on the 23rd is now central near Koshi.

Pressure is nearly stationary over the Philippines and along the east coast of China, but has decreased slightly along the south coast and over Formosa.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.

2 Formosa Channel.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoo.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Haiman.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

24th February, a.m.

Station.

Hour.

Barometer.

Temperature.

Humidity.

Wind.

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ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT!

TO-NIGHT!!

GREAT RACE WEEK ATTRACTIONS—ALL COMEDY.